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# The Joy of the University of Rhode Island 2009



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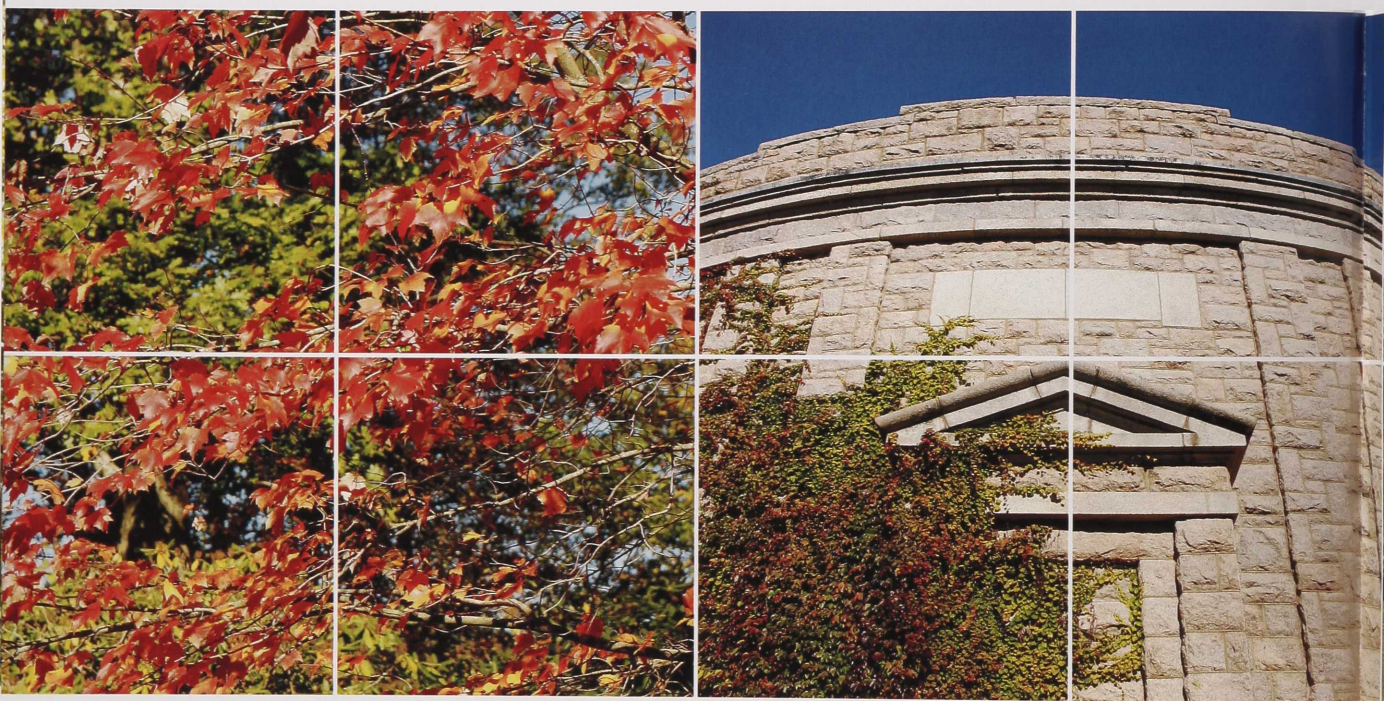






































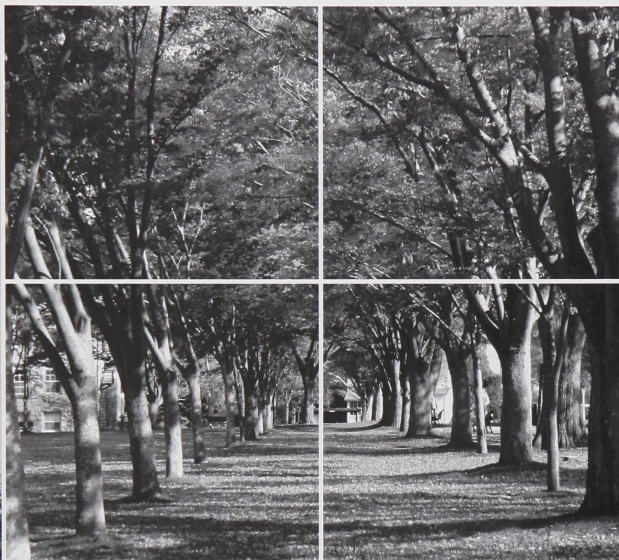




# Autumn





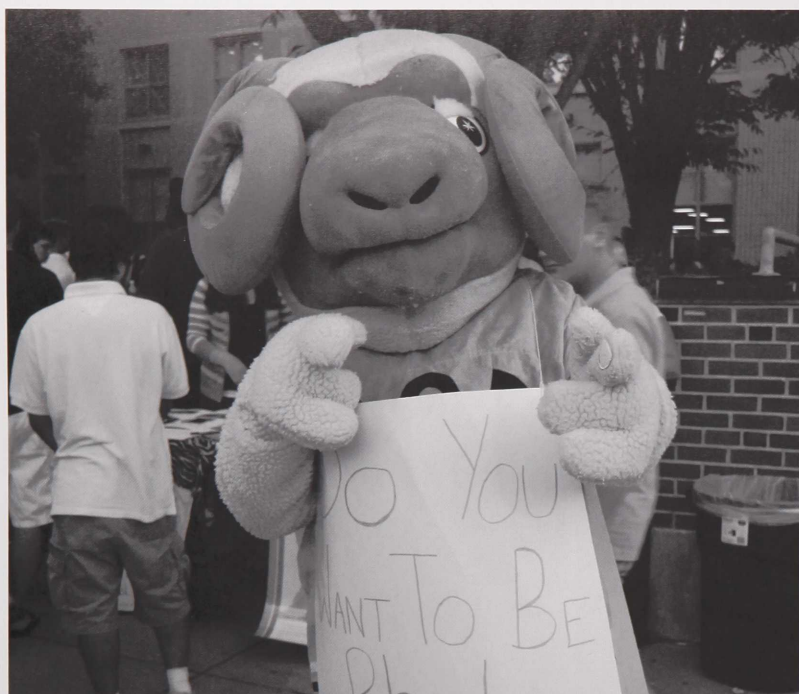




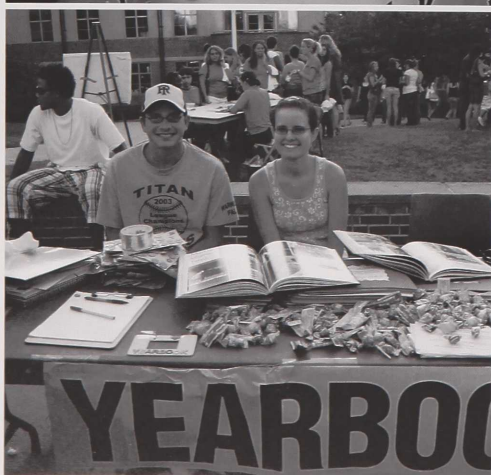








Many of URI's groups and organizations came out on First Night to welcome Freshmen and to give them a taste of campus. Freshmen got a personal look at all of URI's organizations and all their members as well as an opportunity to join. Students also had several other activities throughout the night such as personalized signs, temporary tattoos, and a dance party.



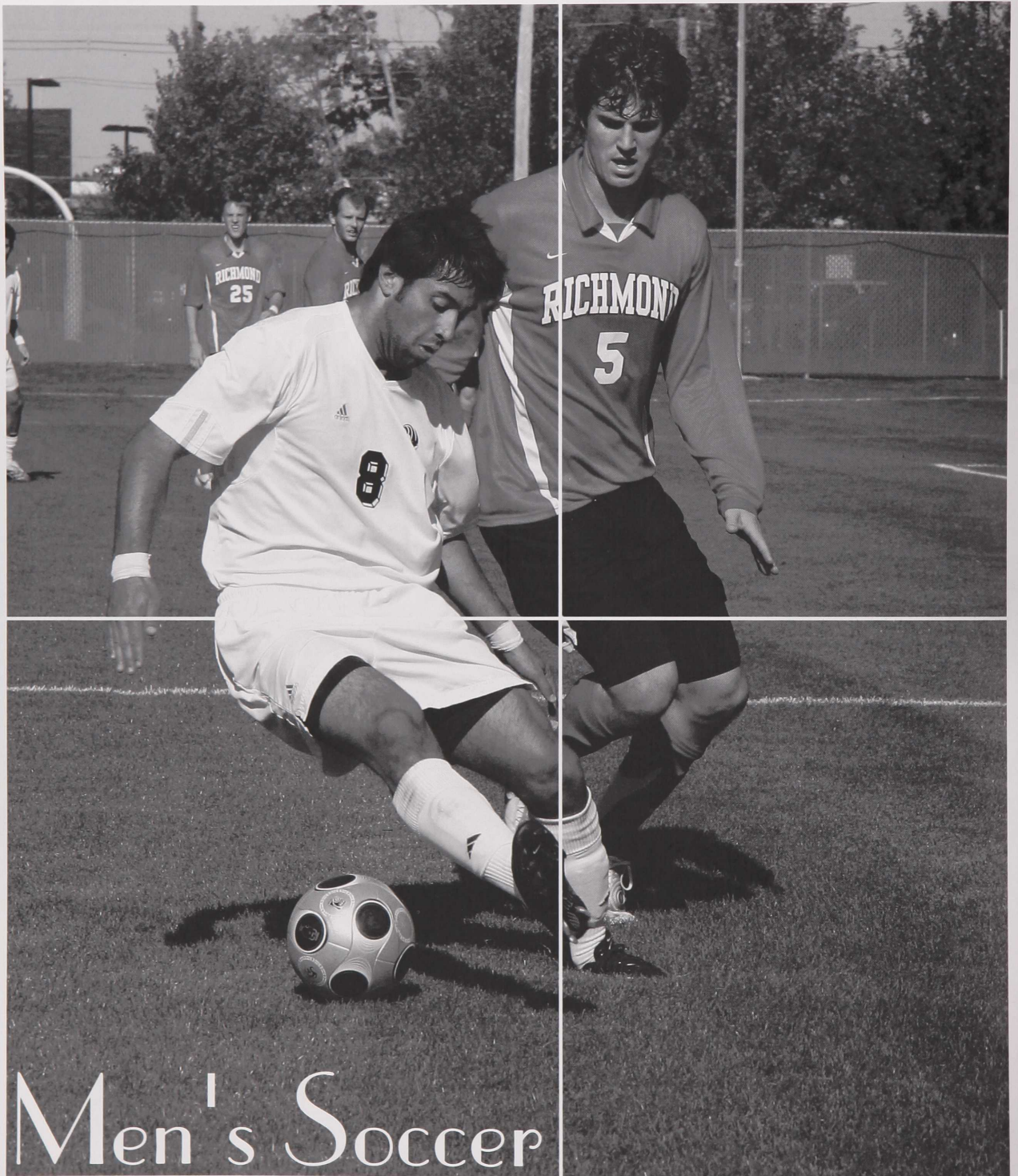


# First Night

August 31st, 2008

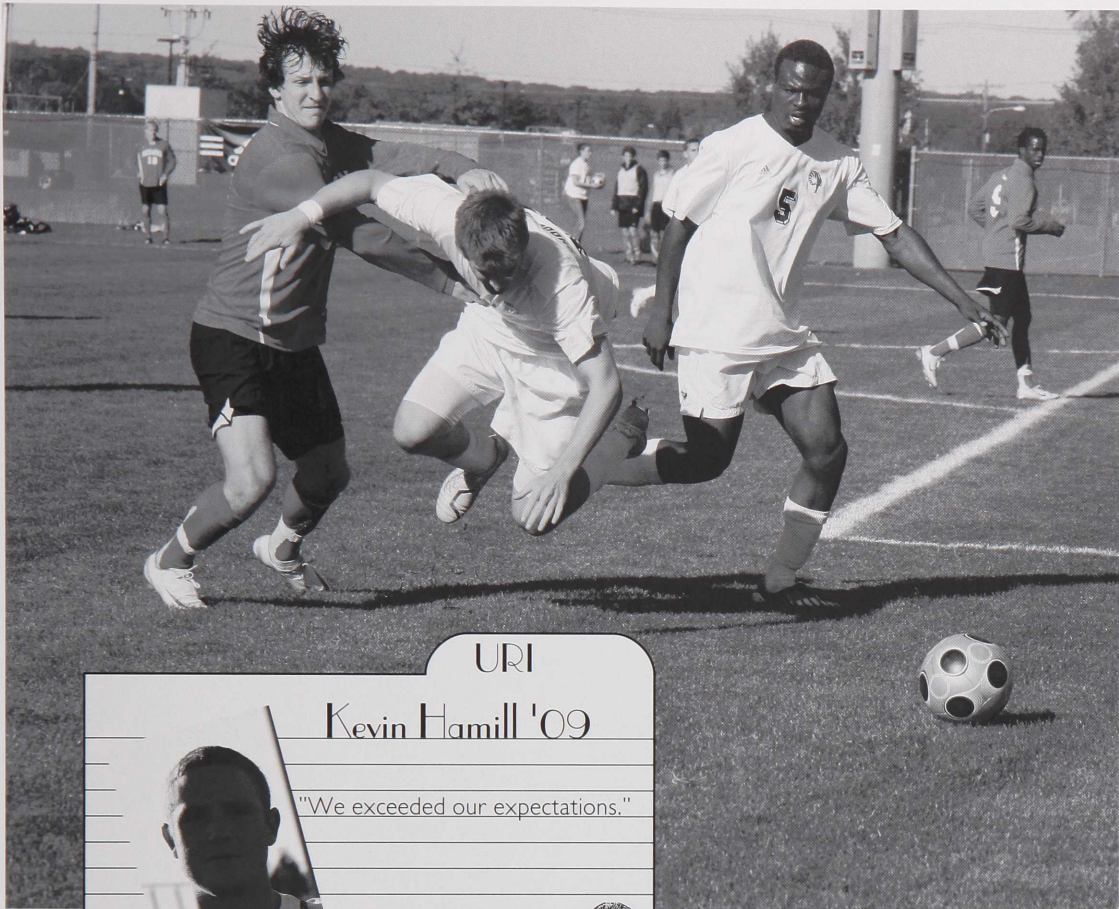






# Men's Soccer





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Kevin Hamill '09

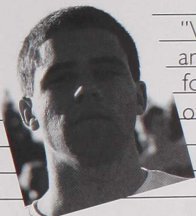
"We exceeded our expectations."



URI

Michael Tanke '11

"We're a young team so it's up and down. We're looking forward to next year. It's been overall good."





# Autumn Art



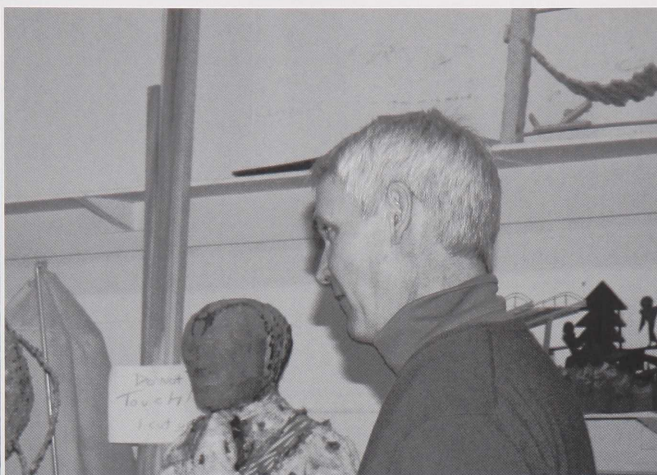
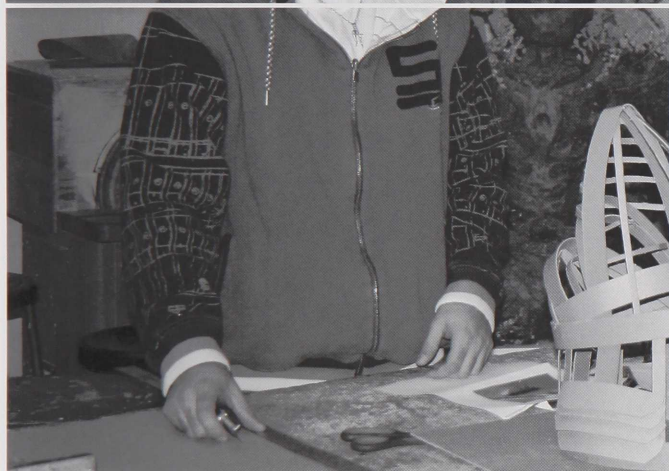
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Jason Curzake '10  
Bianca Scartabello '11

"Art frees your soul"

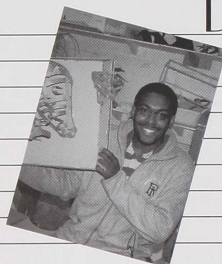






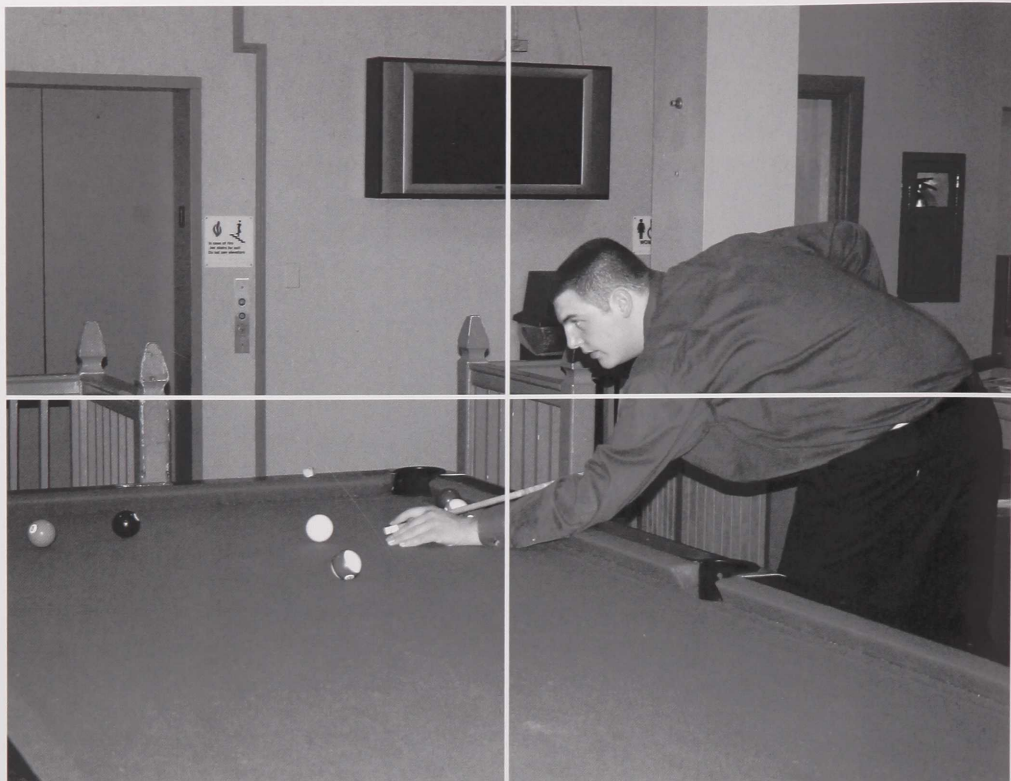
URI

David Daniels '10



"Art...it's so amazing it leaves you speechless"





# Blues and Cues

September 16th, 2008



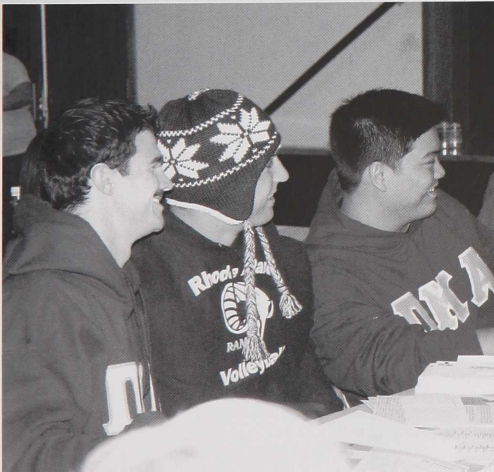
URI Police and students come together once a month for a night of pool, pizza, and fun. The URI Police endorses a sense of community by spending time and getting to know as many URI students as they can.



# St. Judes Up 'Til Dawn

October 23rd, 2008

Students showed their support for St. Judes Hospital by staying up until the break of dawn. Even though that is a regular for any student, they decided to skip the late study night to be a helping hand for a good cause.





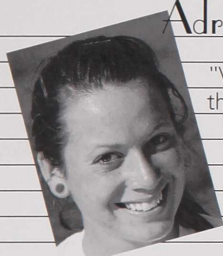
# Women's Soccer



URI

Adrian Ruhe Lischke '11

"We started off slow, but I think we picked it up."







URI

Kaylen Shimoda '11



"It feels good to win."



URI

Kassandra Spitier '10



"We're getting better every game."



# Autumn Theatre



## Small Tragedy



URI

Jolie Lippincott '11



"Small Tragedy helped me grow both as an actress and as a person. It was a challenging play that reminded me of how important it is to be aware of the issues we face, like the Bosnian War in *Small Tragedy*, and to actively participate in making our world a better place"

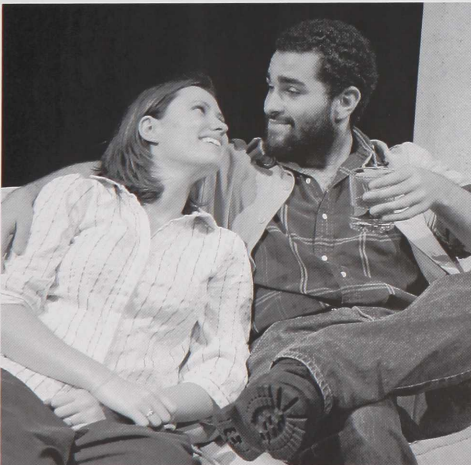
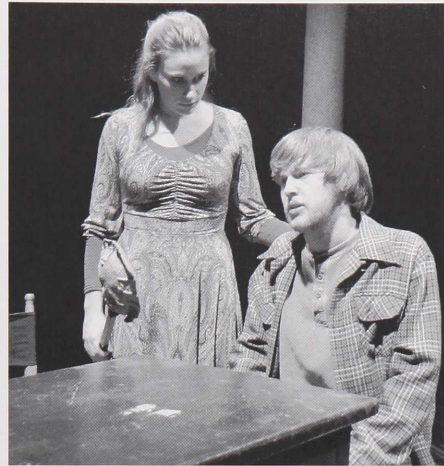




URI

Benjamin Grills '11

"Darkness into light"





# Diversity Week







### Prep:

practice your routine or skit,  
decide which events you want to  
go to, be eager to learn and  
open-minded

### Ingredients:

culture, tradition, dancing,  
singing, performers, eager  
students and staff

### Directions:

participate in or attend various  
cultural events around campus to  
learn about new cultures and  
traditions unfamiliar to you, share  
what you learn with your peers  
and teachers

### Bake:

1 week



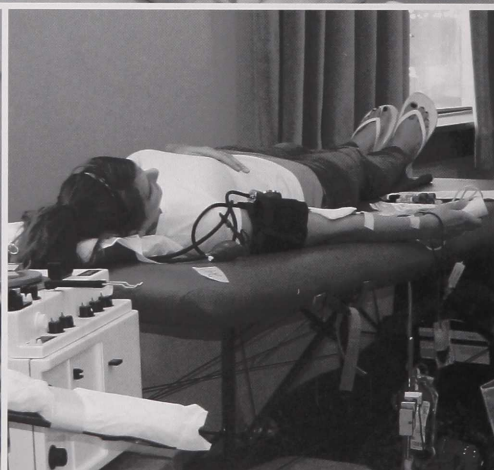
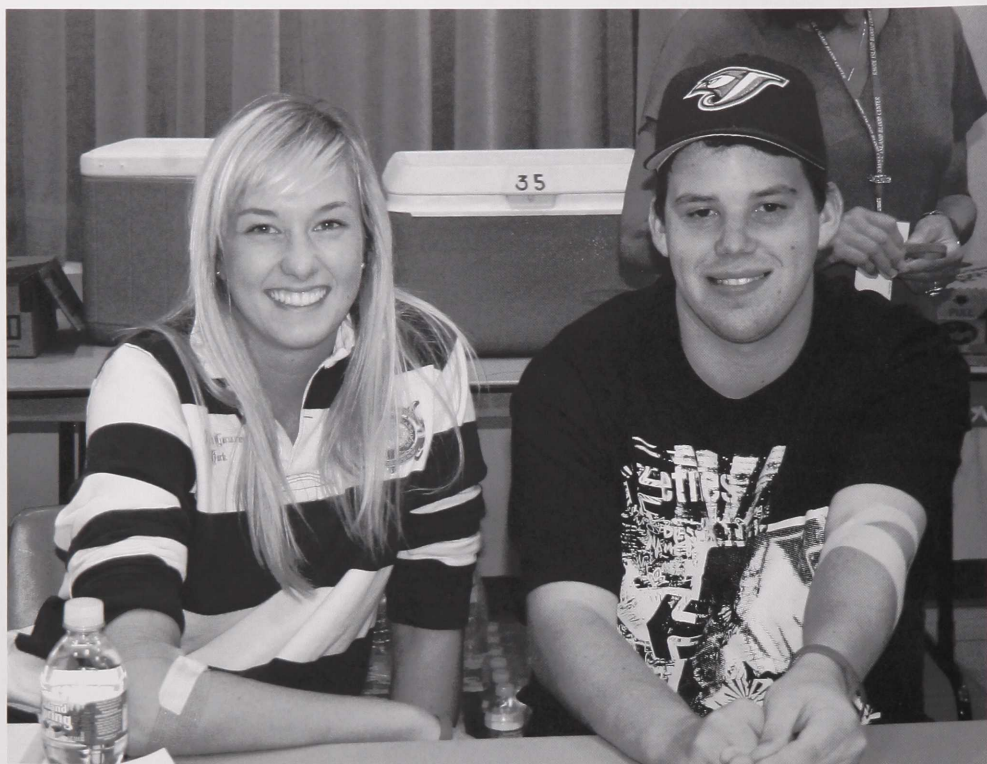
URI

Derek Coppeira '12



"I finally know what it's like to  
walk in someone else's shoes."





# Blood Drive

September 23rd - 25th, 2008

Students, faculty, and staff took a little time out of their day to be local heroes. URI members donated blood to the Rhode Island Blood Center and become someone's hero by just giving a little time out of their daily schedule.

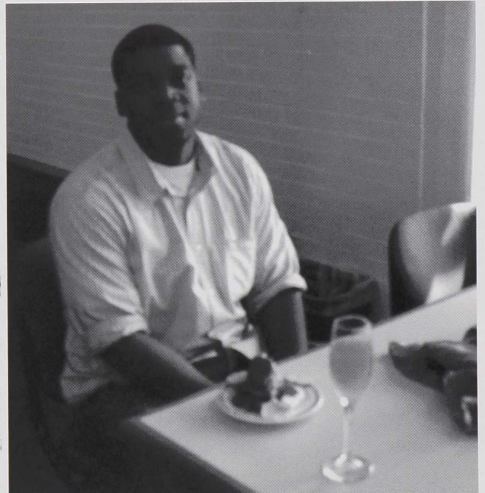


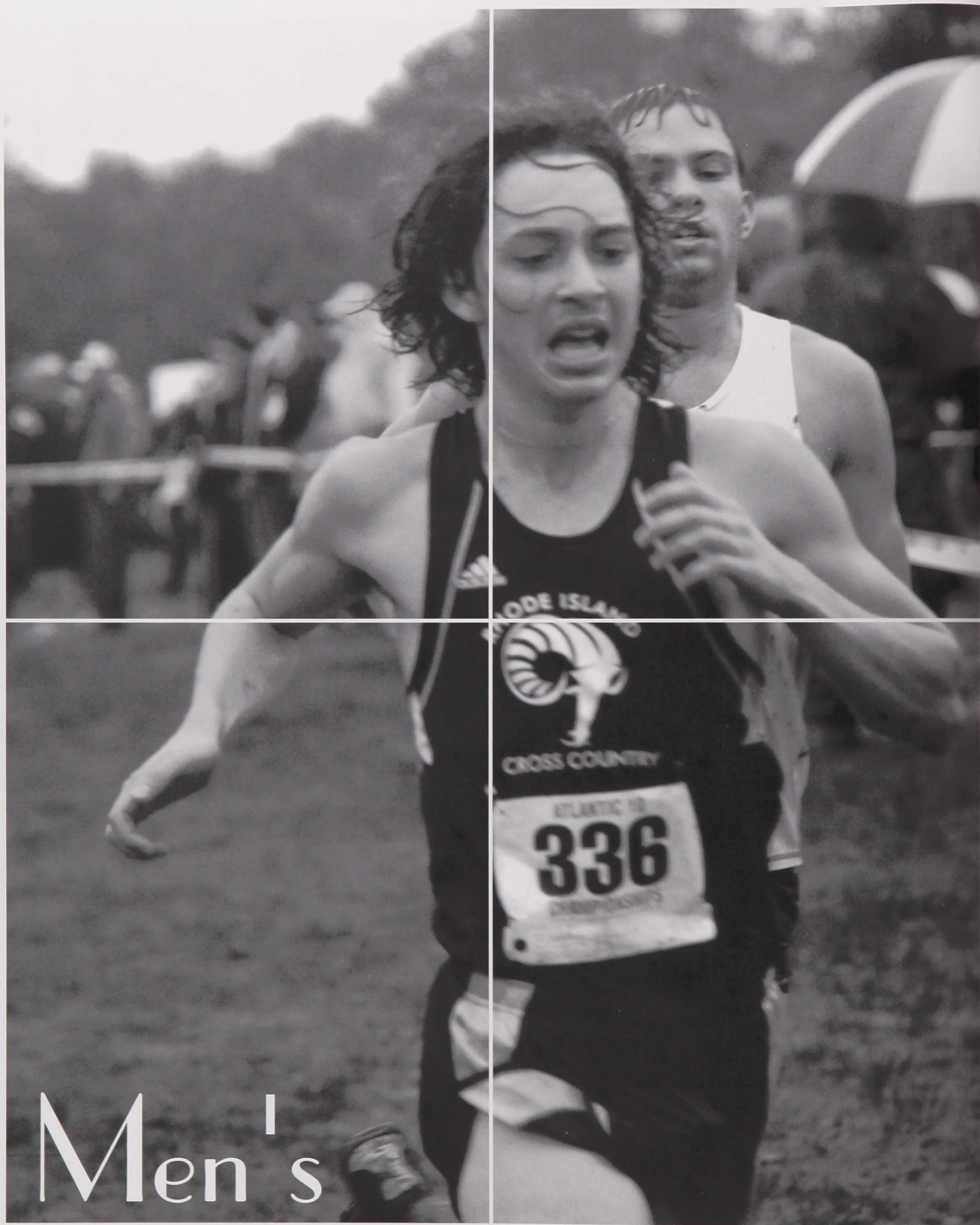
# Lippitt Hall Opening

October 8th, 2008



October 8th marked the opening of the \$8.9 million newly remodeled Lippitt Hall. Lippitt Hall houses the Honors and Math Departments now all up to date with the newest technology. Even though Lippitt is one of URI's oldest building, it is now the most current for advanced learning.





Men's

# Cross Country



URI

## Ryan Karwiel '09



"Although we have a young team, we have a lot of talent, and each runner has worked extremely hard for the last few months."





# Rhody Rally



## Prep:

paint your faces blue and white and break out your URI gear as you prepare your voice for lots of cheering

## Ingredients:

lots of very excited URI students that like to show school spirit, all URI sports teams, Rhody the Ram, URI band

## Directions:

bring everyone to the Keaney gym to meet and cheer on URI sports teams and show their spirit

## Bake:

5 hours

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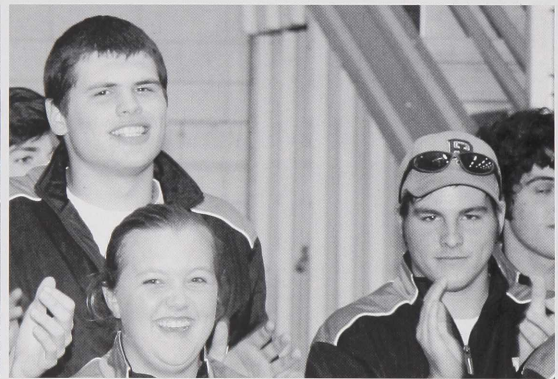
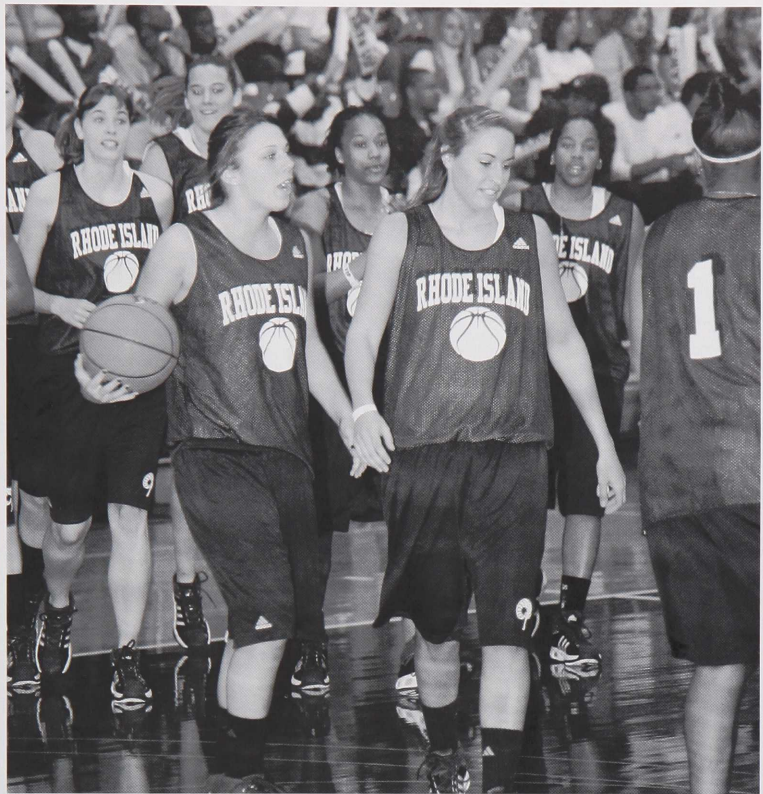
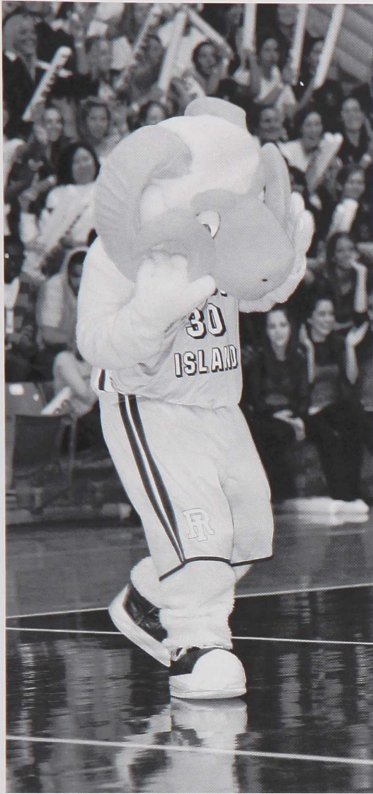
Marissa Colson '09



"It's very exciting to see all the sports teams back in action for another great school year!"





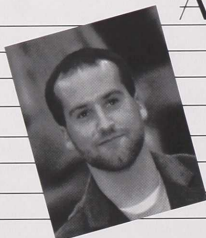




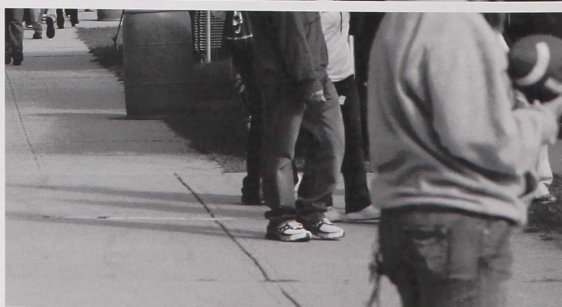


URI

Andrew Cadorette '09



"Homecoming '08 was unforgettable. The winning of Homecoming King was not a sole effort and therefore, cannot be a sole title; it was a collaborative effort that deserves a team title."







# Homecoming 2008

## Prep:

buy tickets to the football game, paint your faces blue and white, greet old alumni, bring Rhody pride

## Ingredients:

URI current students and alumni, parents and families, Homecoming King and Queen, football, football team, school spirit, URI band and color guard

## Directions:

bring everyone to the football field to watch the football game with families and friends, visit tents outside the field, eat good food, cheer your team and King and Queen

## Bake:

4 hours

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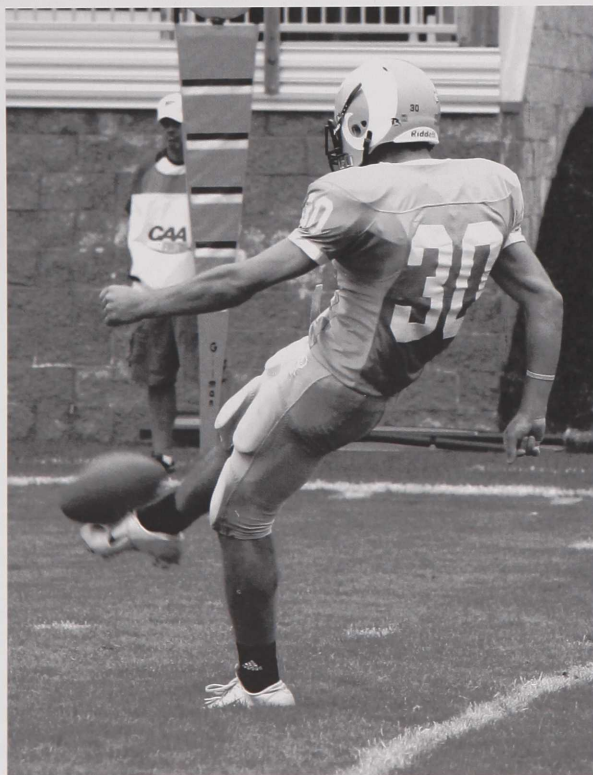
Becky Davis '11



"I was proud to be URI's Homecoming Queen of '08. I love URI and it has been a huge part of the person that I've become. I am honored to represent URI and hope to continue giving back."







URI

John Yessian '12

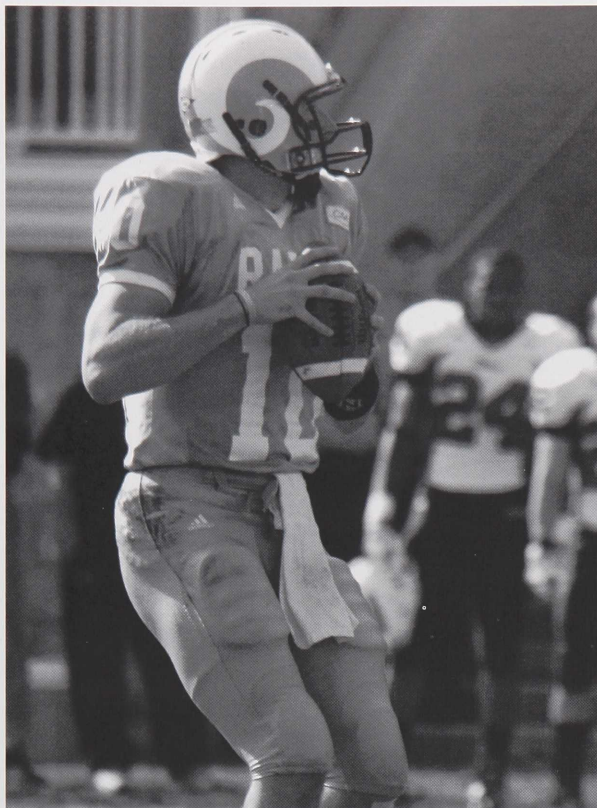


"Going to the football games is a lot of fun, and every home game is really exciting."



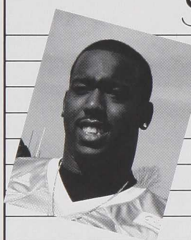


# Football



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Steve Weedon '09

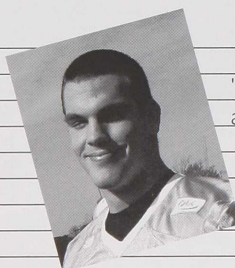


"Football is everything; hard work and determination are the results of a great player."



URI

Matt Rae '12



"TBA- trust, belief, accomplishment."





URI

## Brittany Pelsue '13



"We worked well together this year. We definitely learned to work off of each other, and as the season went on, we all improved as a whole."

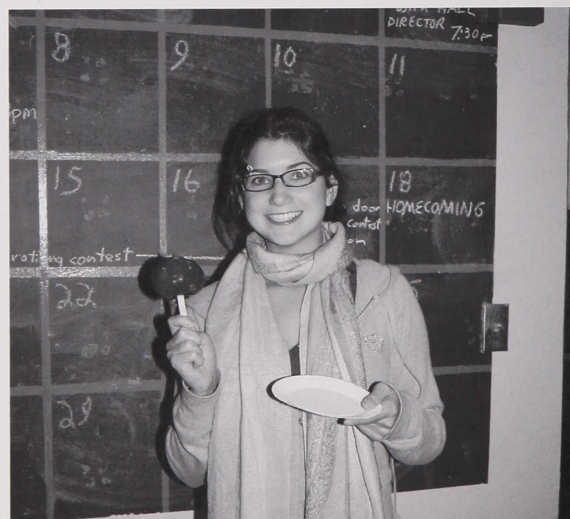
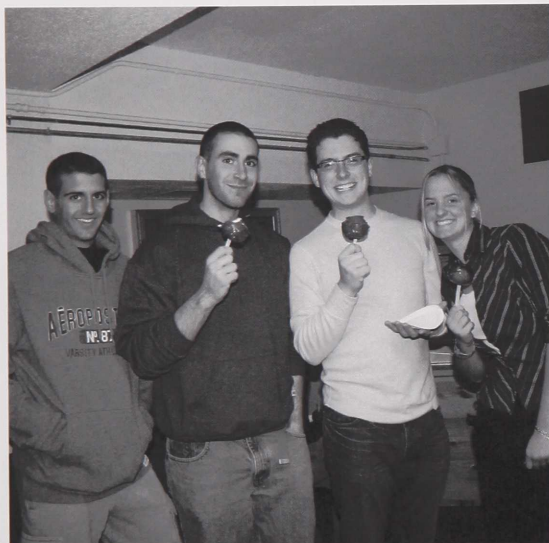




# Women's Cross Country



# Dorm Life



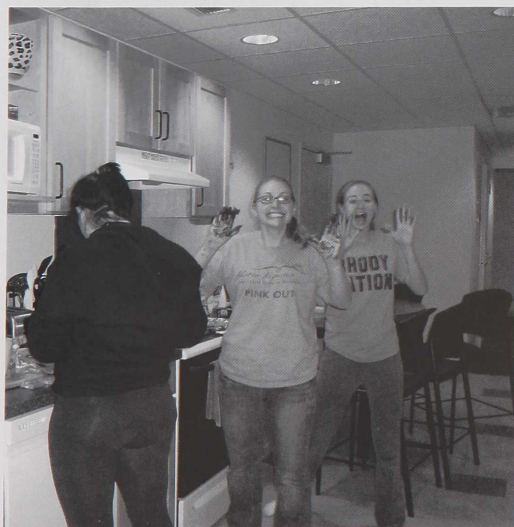
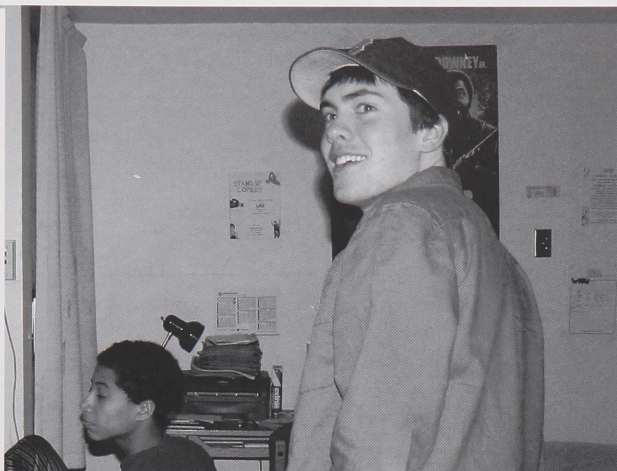
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Britny Rogala '13

"The 'lounges' in Ellery are great for studying!"

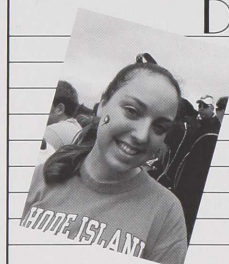






URI

Danielle Oulette '14



"Living in a freshman triple has been interesting, but I love my roommates!"





# Cheerleading

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Tricia Heitzman '09



"My goal is to bring the Rhody spirit out of the student body."

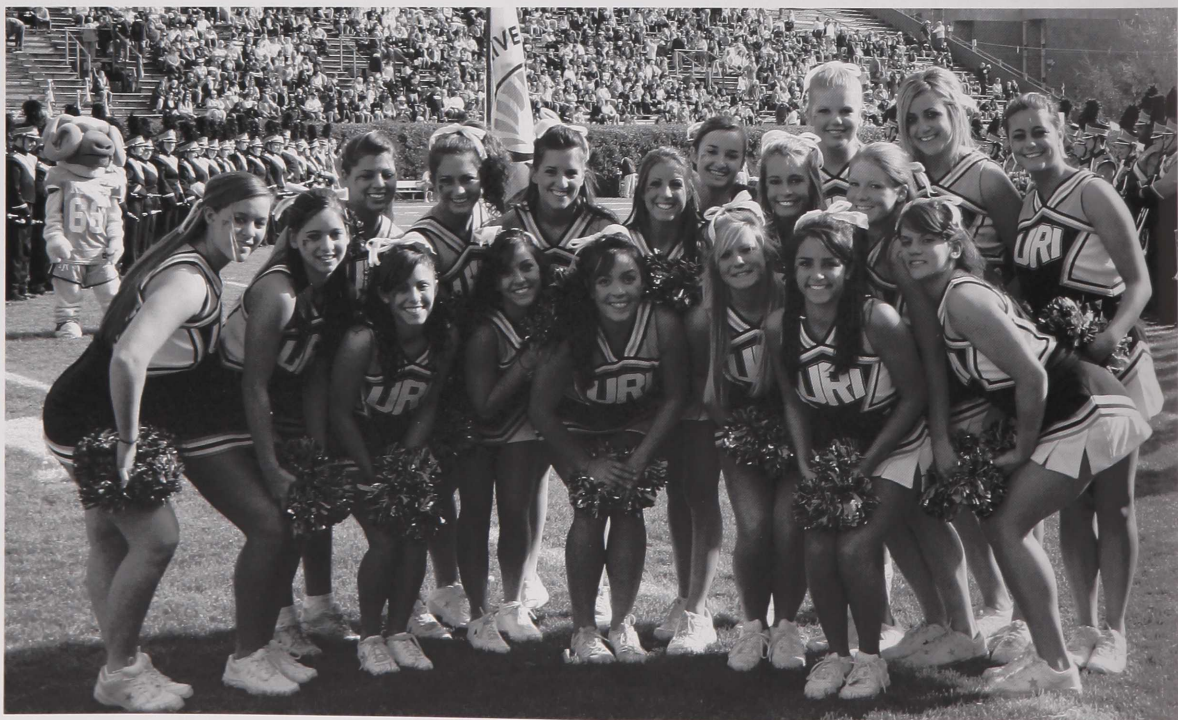


URI

Melissa Scungio '09



"Let's go Rhody!"







# Band

URI  
Emily Handy '09



"Being a part of the band has been an invaluable experience for me in keeping with school spirit and feeling a part of the community."



# Greek Philanthropy Week

URI

Kait Zullo '10



"It brings Greek unity, and allows all of us to act like kids again."



## Prep:

choose fraternity & sorority pairs, choose philanthropies to donate money to, decide who from each house will be participating in each event

## Ingredients:

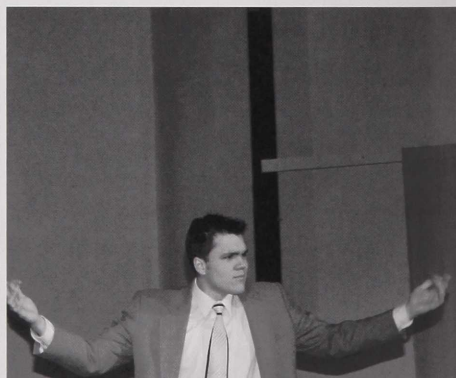
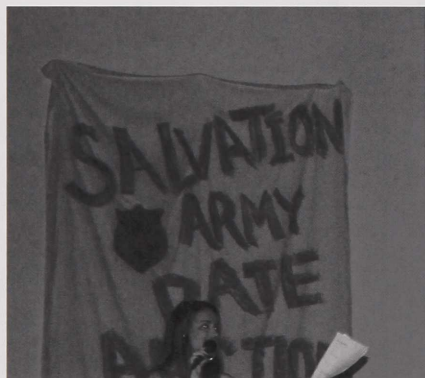
URI Greek System, money, competition, excitement, good intentions

## Directions:

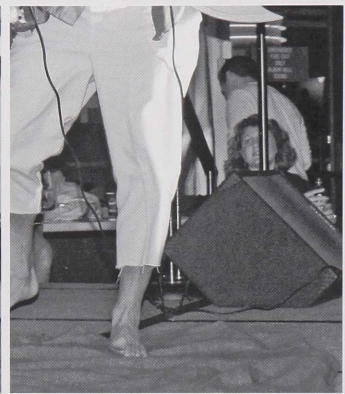
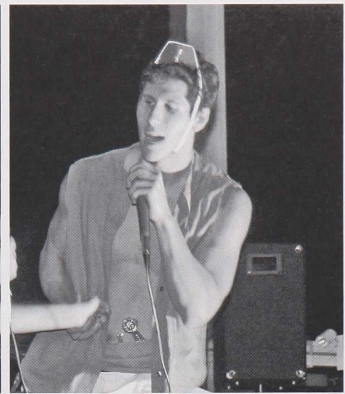
attend various events throughout the week to either participate or cheer on your house, raise money, have fun, get involved in the local community

## Bake:

1 week



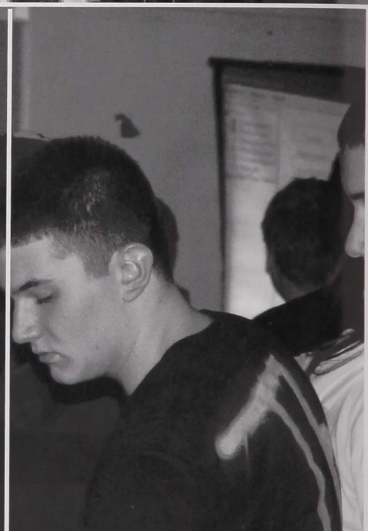




# King of the Cup

October 7th, 2008

URI students came together for a day of fun and games to get a break from studying. Students played rootbeer pong and got a chance to show off their ping pong ball throwing skills and there was only one house rule; HAVE FUN!







# Diwali

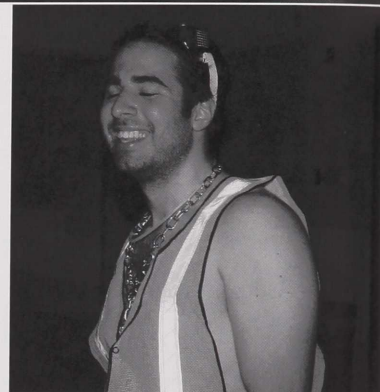
| November 15th, 2008

The Indian Student Association organized their annual Diwali event. The "Festival of Lights" event symbolizes the victory of good over evil within every human being. The ISA serves to promote the awareness of cultural diversity on campus by organizing cultural and social events for the URI community

# Electronic Music Association Performance

November 6th, 2008

The URI EMA puts on the tunes for students to come dance and have fun. Students spin tunes all night and show off their dance moves. So come on out and bust a move!





# Chinese Moon Festival

September 14th, 2008

The University of Rhode Island's Confucius Institute had a festival in honor of the night of the fullest moon in 2008. It featured a Chinese buffet with food that is round like the moon. This event is also a time to celebrate, which is the equivalent of the American Thanksgiving, where families gather for reunions. The festival also celebrates the first anniversary of URI's Confucius Institute.



# Dining Halls

## Butterfield



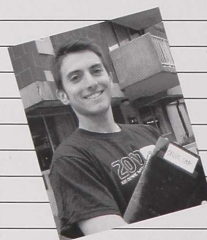
## Ram's Den



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Michael Justa '12

"I like it at the Butt Dining Hall!"





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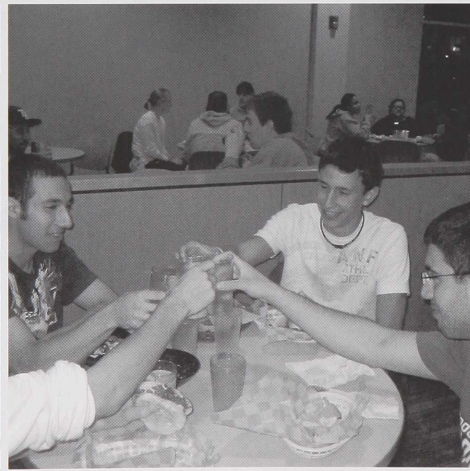
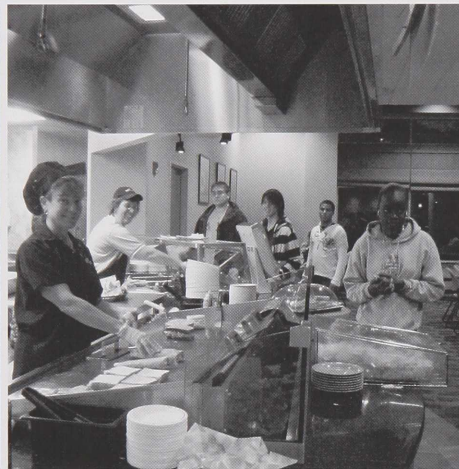
Anthony Harrison '13



"The burgers [at Hope] are  
very consistent."



## Mainfaire at Hope Commons



# Volleyball



URI

Lindsay Lytle '11



"We had ups and downs, but we work really hard every day."



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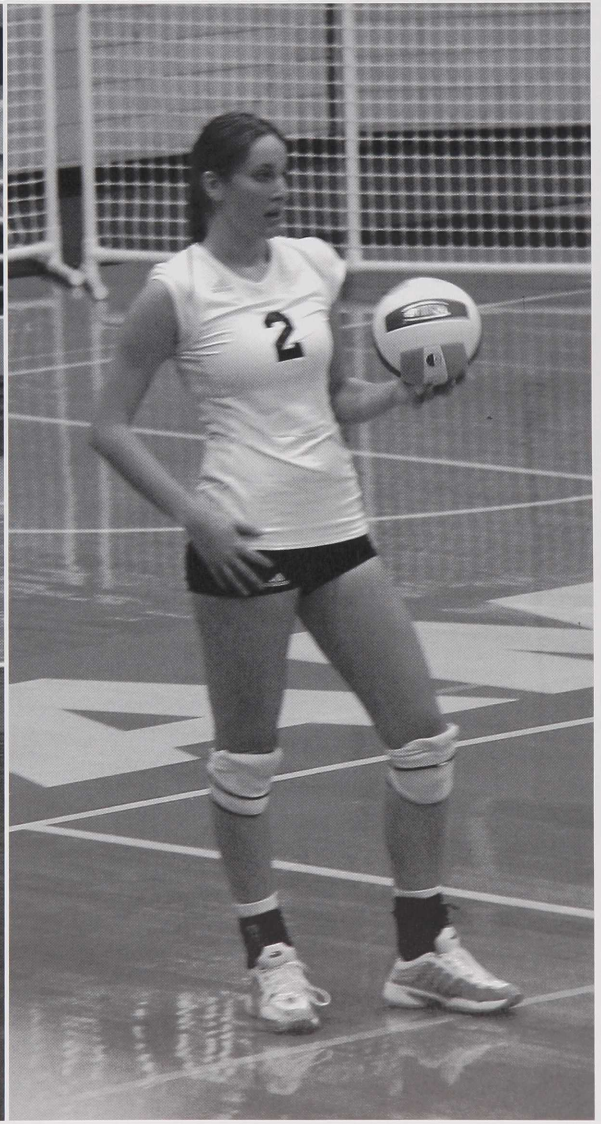
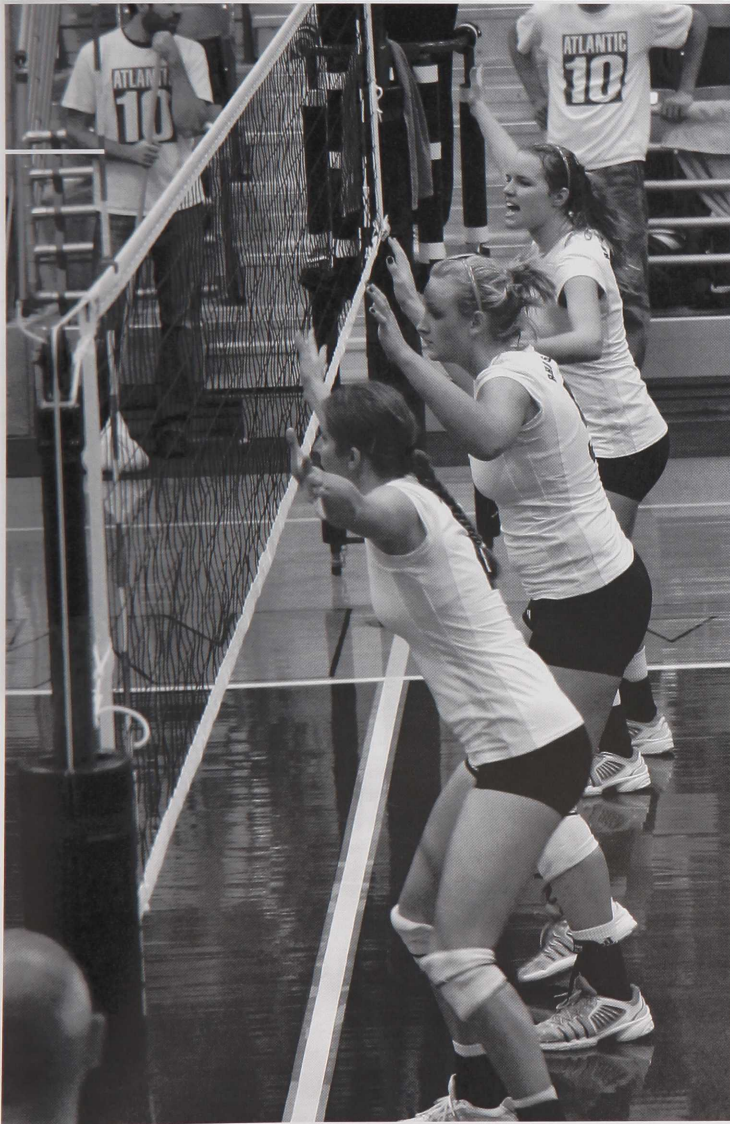
Kayla Wilson '12



"It started off rocky, but I think we can pull it together."







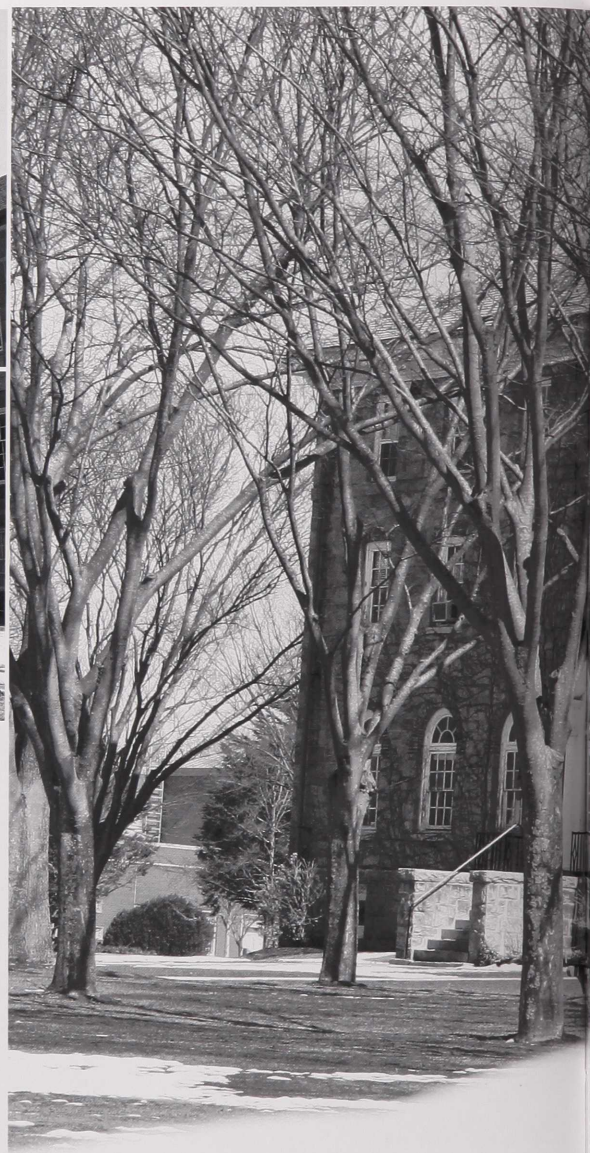
















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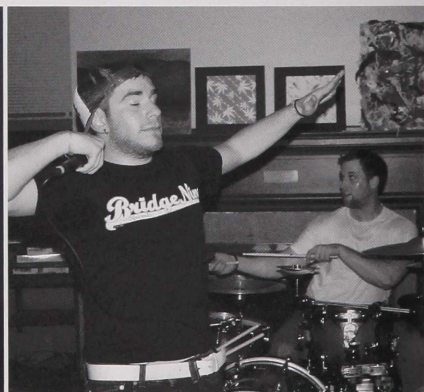




November 6th, 2008

193 Degrees Coffee House held special performances by Amplified, Postmental, World in Arms, and Outrage. Students relaxed and enjoyed specialty coffee with some of the best tunes in town!

# 193 Degrees Coffee House



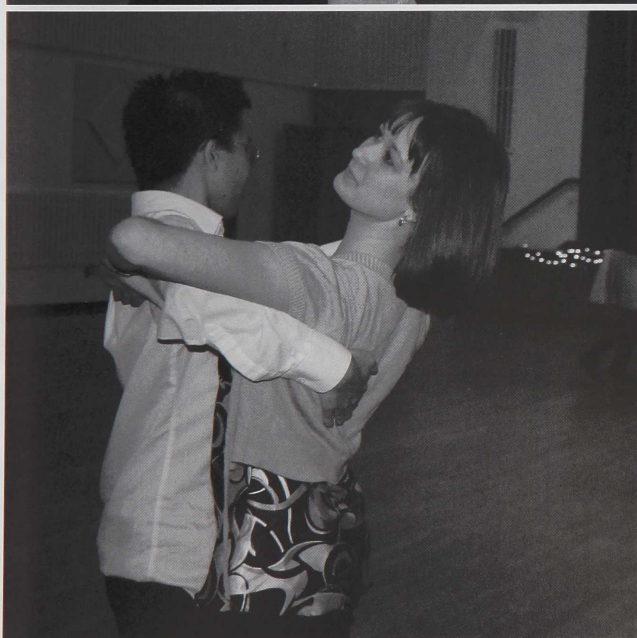


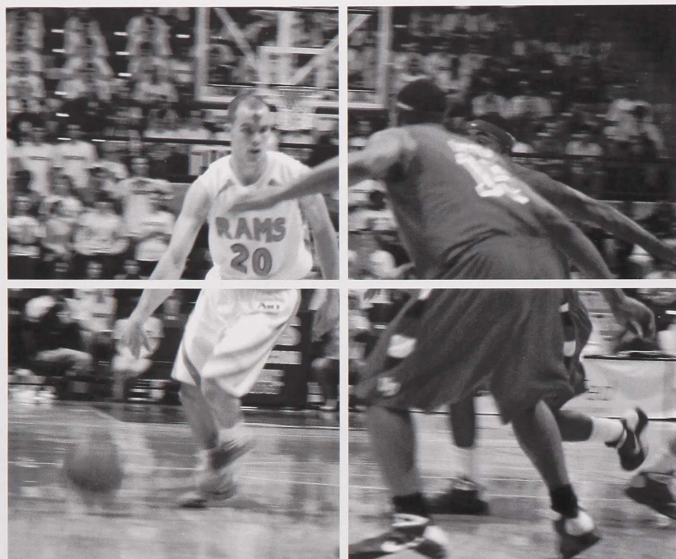
# Ballroom Dance Club

## Evening Dance

December 5th, 2008

URI's Ballroom Dance Club put on their dancing shoes and showed us their moves! The club practiced all semester on several different dances and then prepared this event to showcase all their hard work.





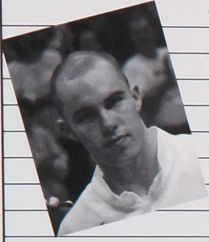
# Men's Basketball





URI

## Jimmy Baron '09



"Always know that when you're not working to better yourself, someone out there is working to beat you."

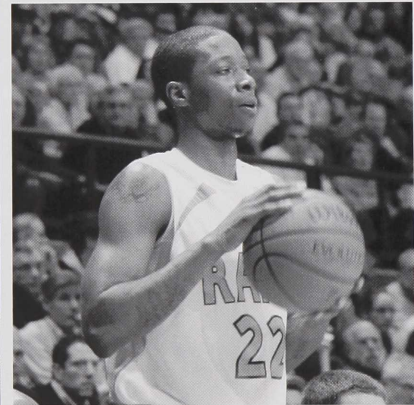
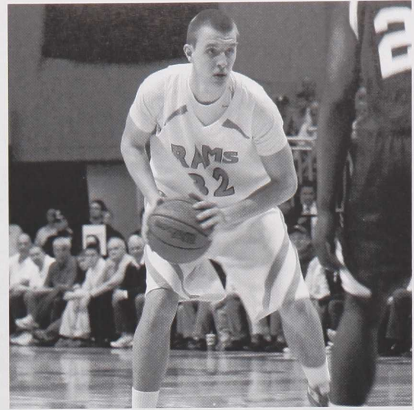


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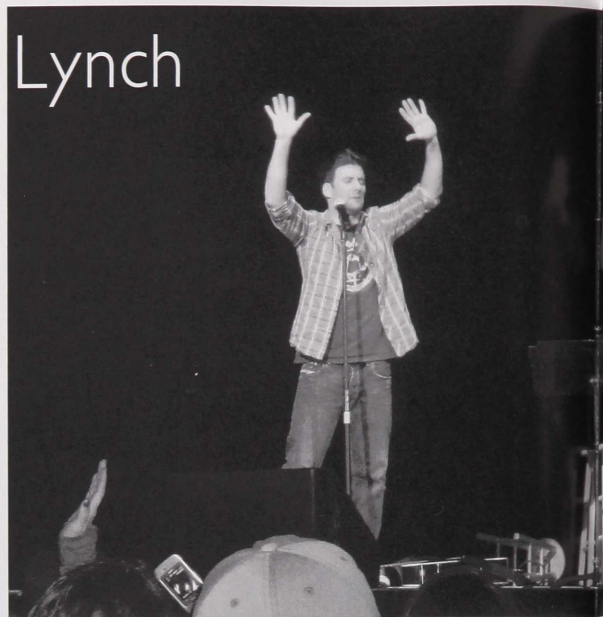
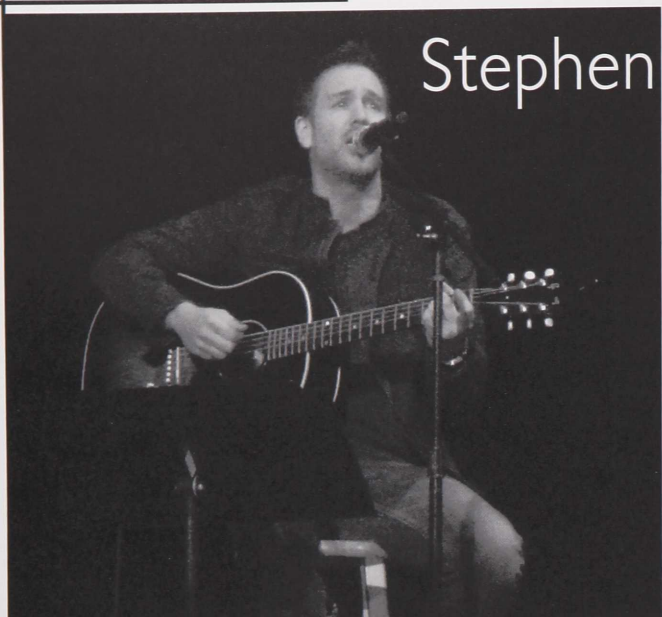
## Meredith Green '10



"Great game. Great crowd. Great cause."

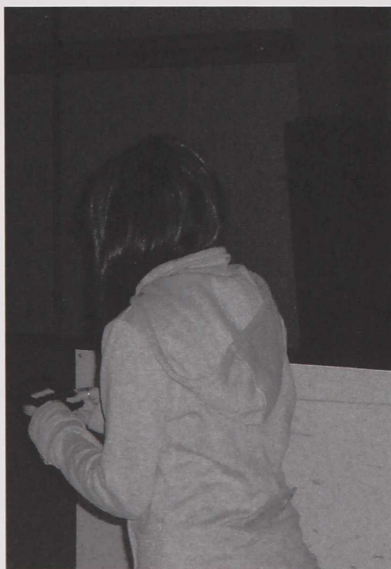




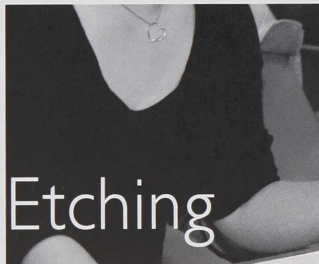
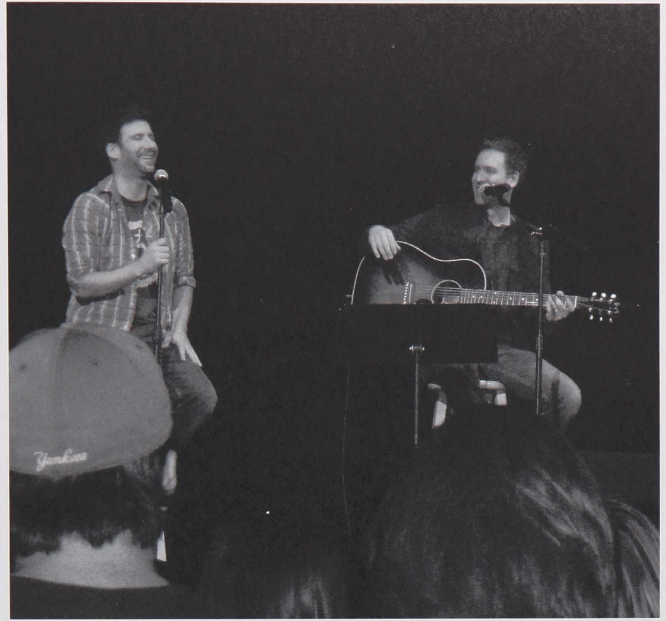


# Winter Fest

Ice Skating at Boss







## Glass Star Etching



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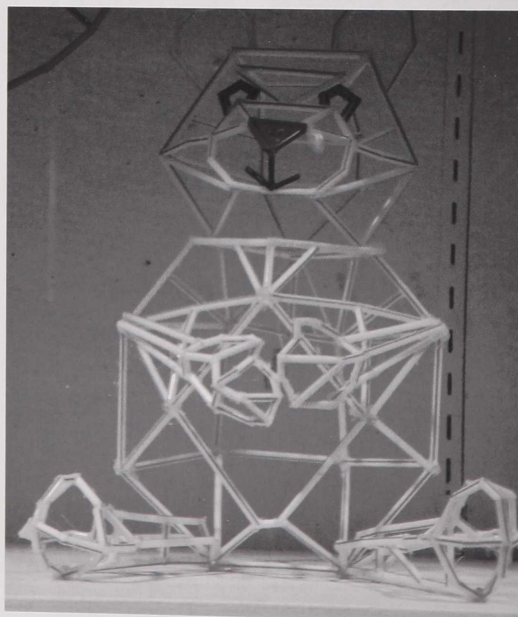
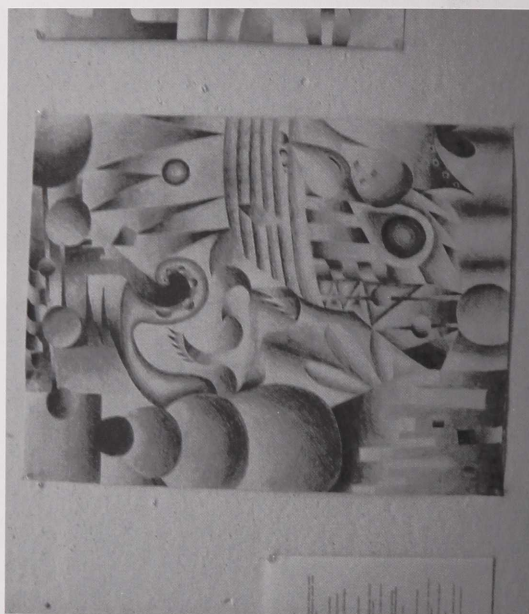
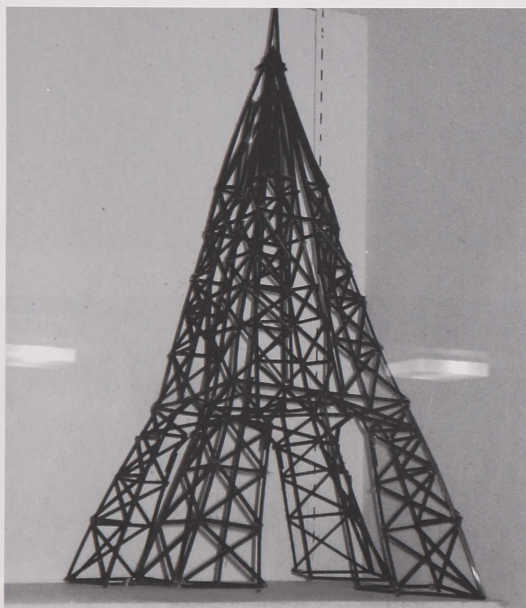
Haleigh Lipnick '09



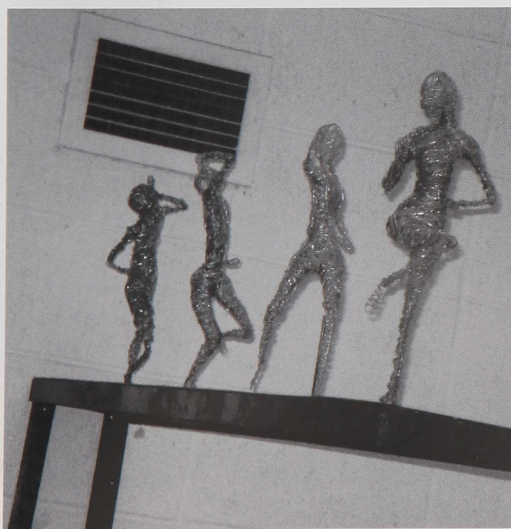
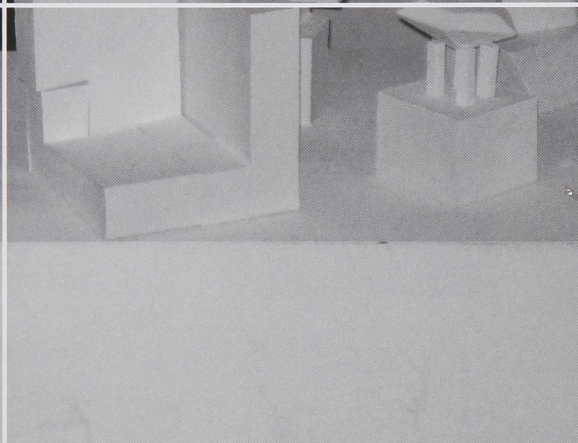
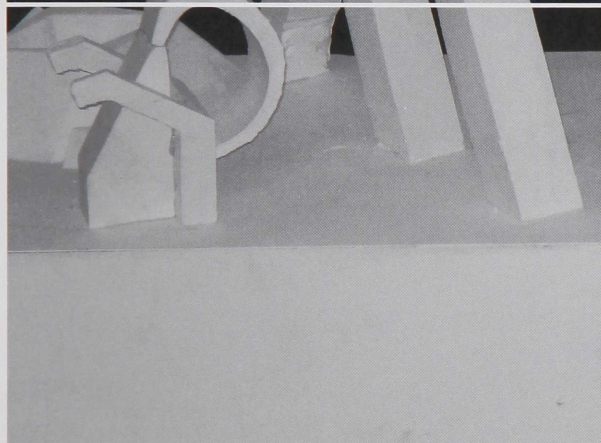
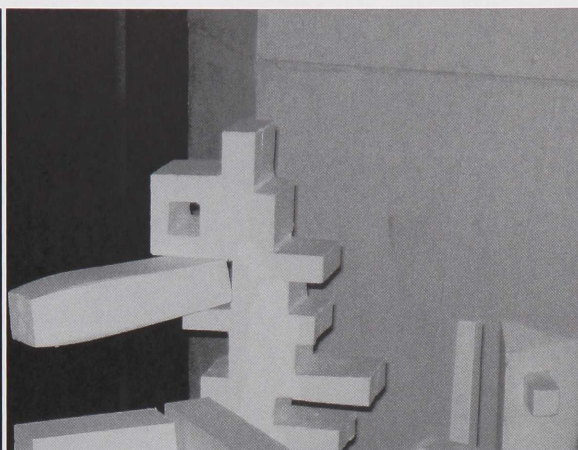
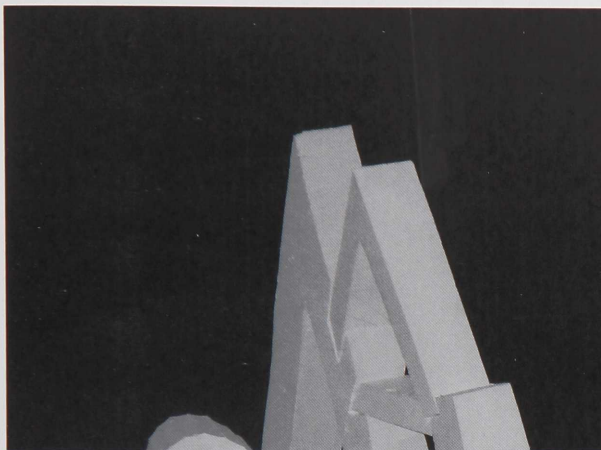
"[Glass etching is] a lot harder than you think it is; it's fun though."



# Winter Art

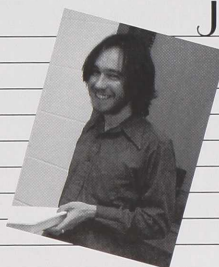






URI

Justin Bentinnen '09



"Art ensures the sanity of those fated to dream."



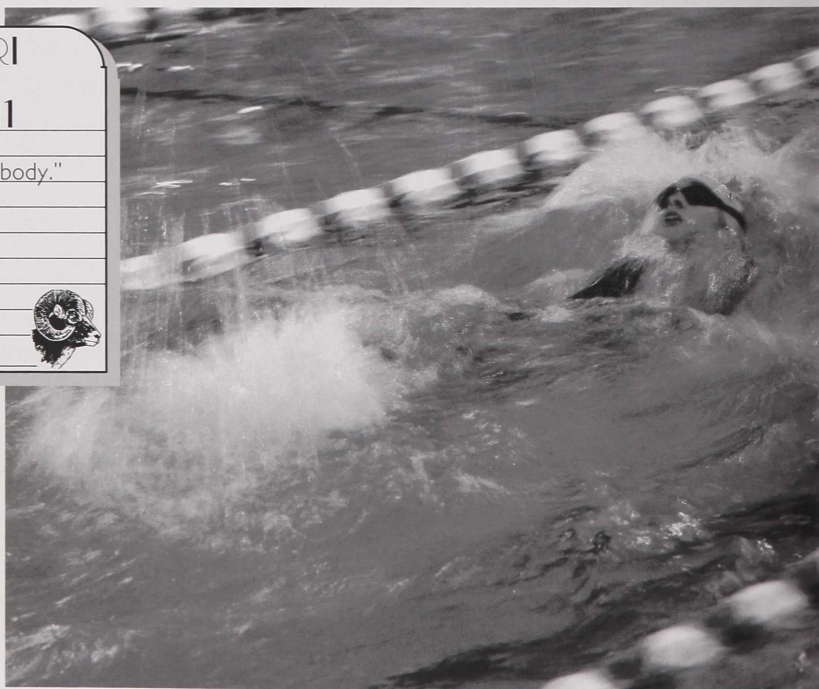
# Women's Swimming



URI

Kinsey Tarbell '11

"I'm really proud of everybody."

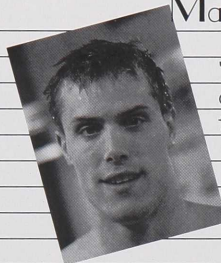






URI

Matt Burak '10



"We worked really hard to continue as a club. We hope to continue the success."



# Men's Swimming









# Night Life



# Women's Basketball







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Janae Miller '10



"We're hungry for more coming up at the next couple of games."



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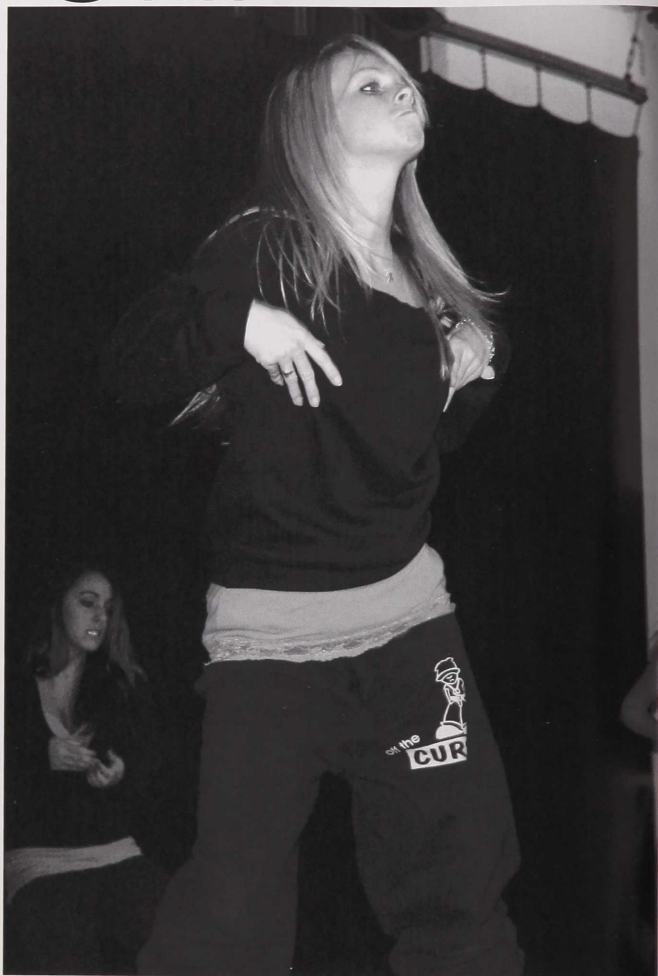
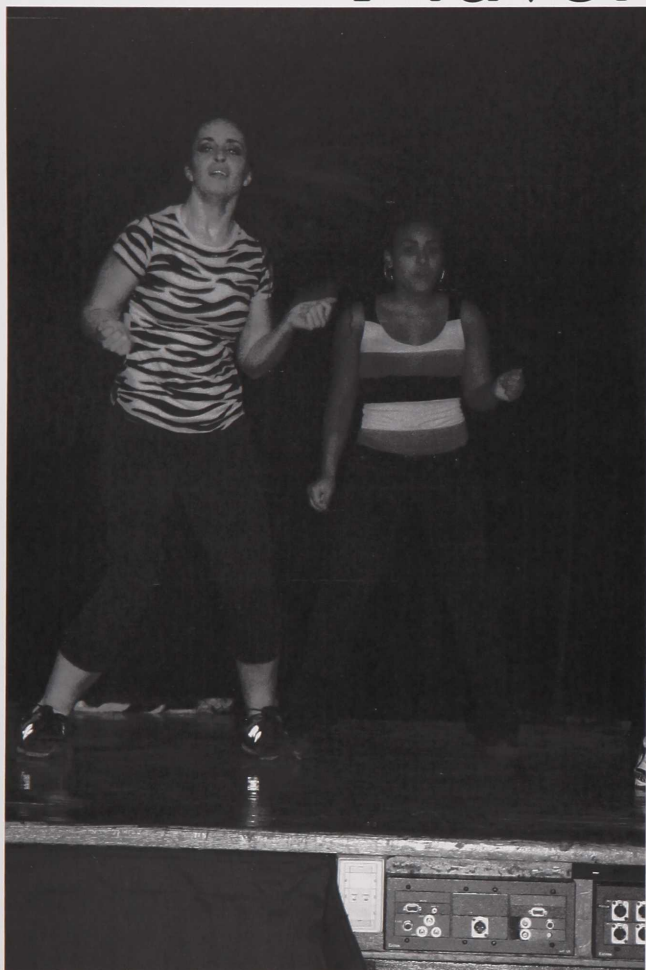
Tanja Licina '09



"I think the team chemistry is good, and we understand each other well."



# Flavor Unit



URI

Brittney Borges '10



"We all put our minds together  
to think of what is best for the  
team."





# URI Dance Company

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Brittany Campbell '10

"I think we were awesome."

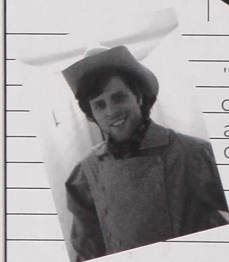


# Winter Oklahoma! Theater



URI

Nile Hawver '09



"Oklahoma! was engaging, challenging, and incredibly fun all at the same time! The whole show came together magnificently."





URI

Jenna Broccolo '12



"The play was hilarious and such a big hit! Working with talent management and the actors was a blast!"



# *The Foreigner*



URI

Kathryn Padilli '11



"This whole production was an eye opening experience for me. Although some of the monologues were sad, they really bring up issues that don't get talked about as often as they should."

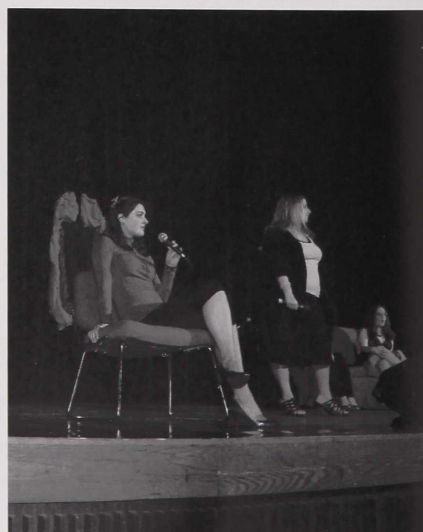
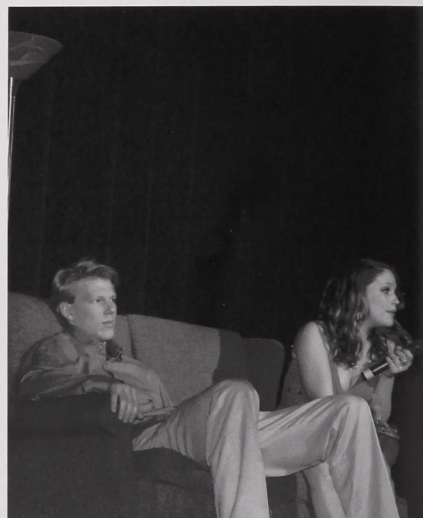


URI

Alex Gerlach '13



"The vagina monologues really promoted awareness for the many unspoken issues that women face globally."





# Vagina Monologues



## Prep:

hold auditions, cast characters, practice,  
work as a team

## Ingredients:

women from all different backgrounds,  
interested audience

## Directions:

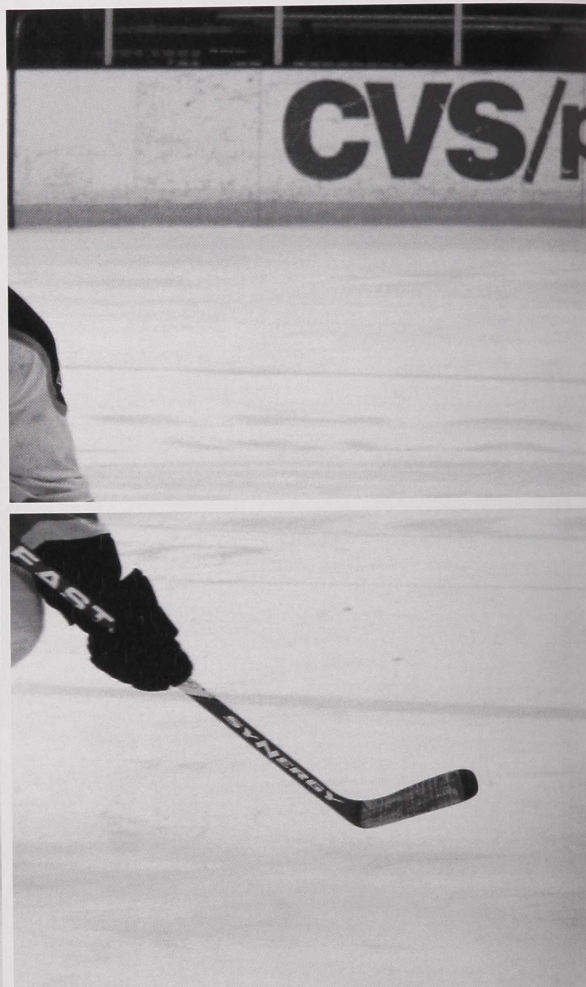
laugh, cry, and applaud as you watch  
performances by various women while they  
share heartfelt and touching stories through  
the viewpoint of their vaginas

## Bake:

3 nights



# Men's Hockey



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**Matt Wodecki '09**

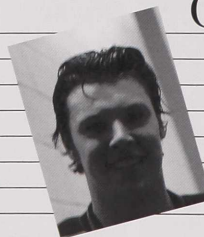


"Skate where the puck is going  
to be, not where it's been."



URI

**Corey Manley '09**



"Work hard. Play hard. Feel  
good."



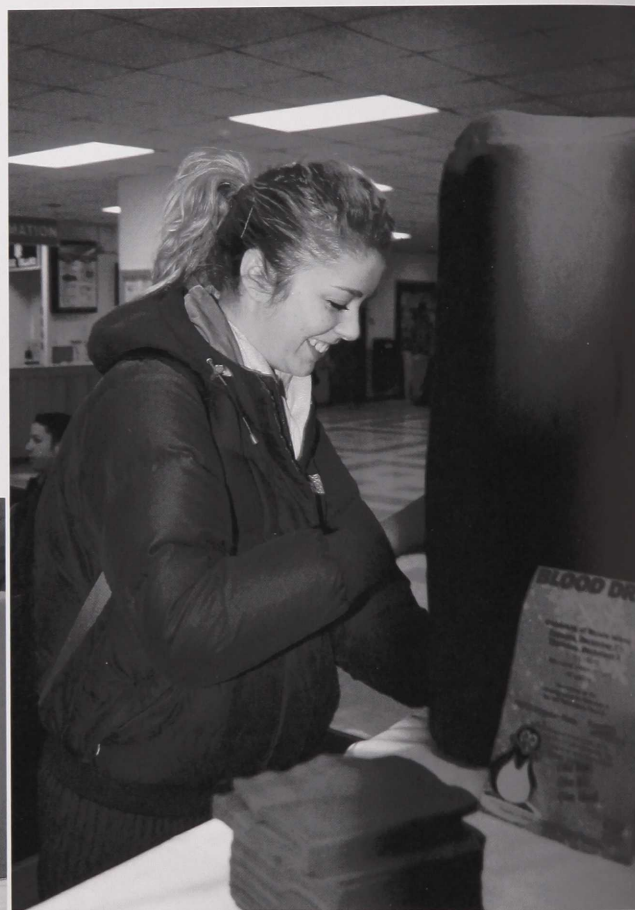




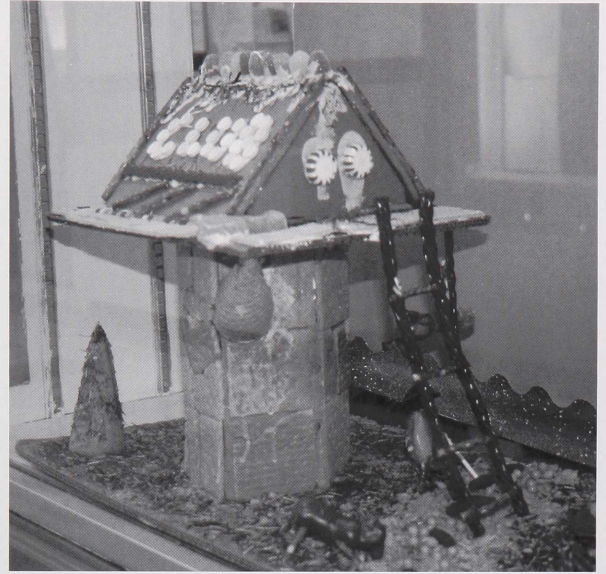
# Hot Chocolate

December 3rd, 2008

Every year the Memorial Union Board serves up free hot chocolate to all students. It's a great way to break up the day and relax with a cup of hot chocolate with your friends in the Union in between classes. Thanks MU Board!







# Gingerbread Houses

December 5th,  
2008

This year was the first ever Gingerbread House Competition. Student groups and organizations competed against one another to have the most creative and original gingerbread house. The winner this year was the Outdoors Club with their gingerbread treehouse.



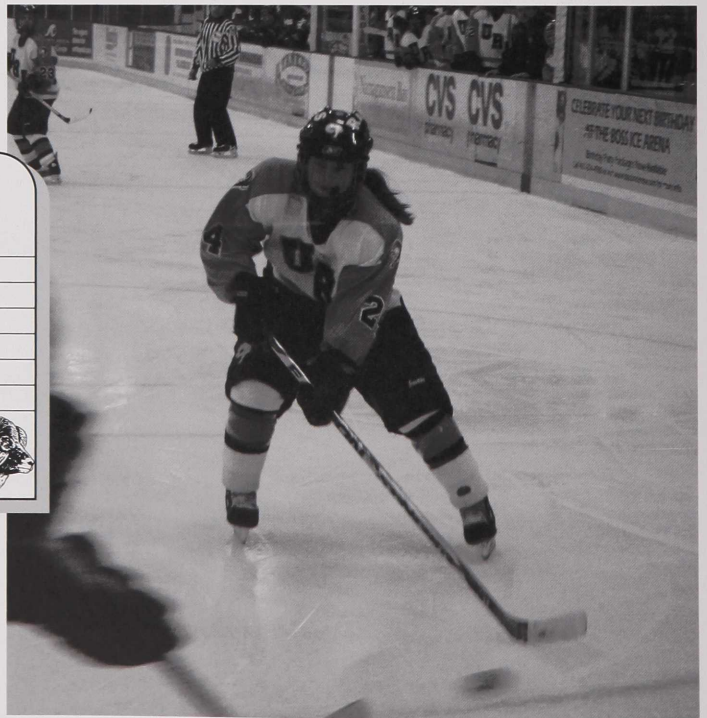




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Ashley Pagliarini '09

"The extra mile is never crowded."

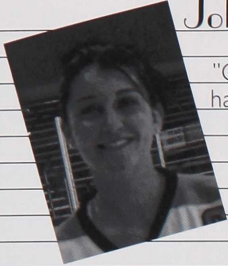




URI

Jolene Rambone '10

"One of the best teams we've  
had."



# Women's Hockey

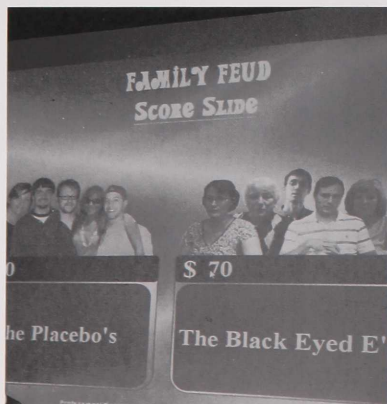
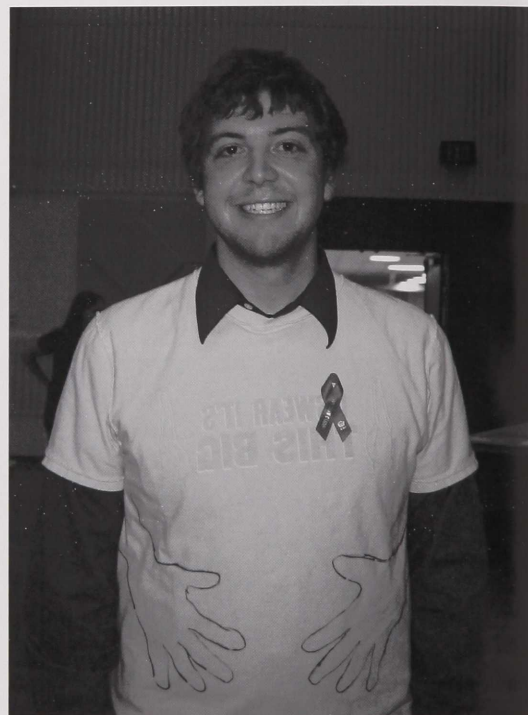


November 24th, 2008

Pharmacy students and professors came together to play a pharmacy themed Family Feud game. Each team tested their knowledge and quick wit against in other in the ultimate pharmacy battle. And who said school couldn't be fun?!



# Family Feud





# Ramettes

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Allison Maryan '11



"It's an amazing group of dancers, and I'm so lucky to be a part of it!"













# Spring















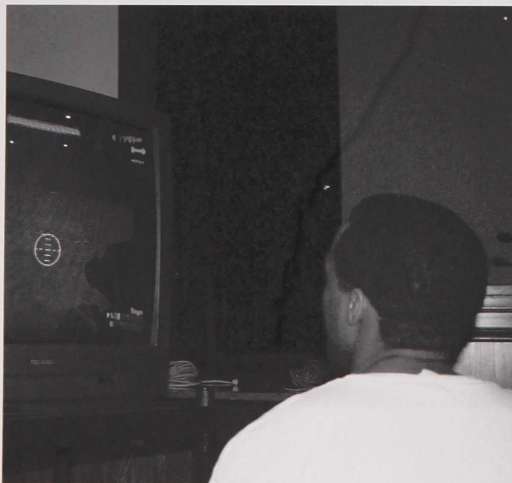




# Library Dedication





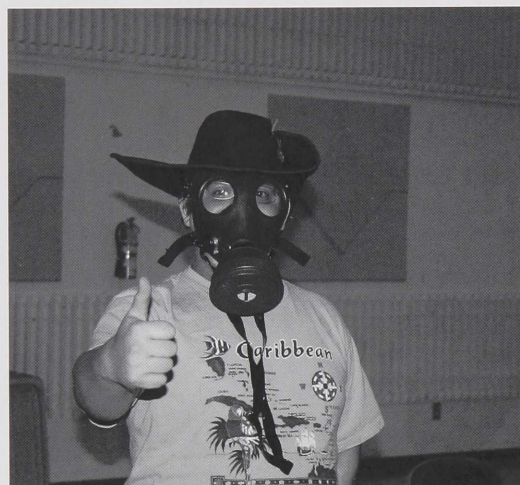


# Gaming





# Convention

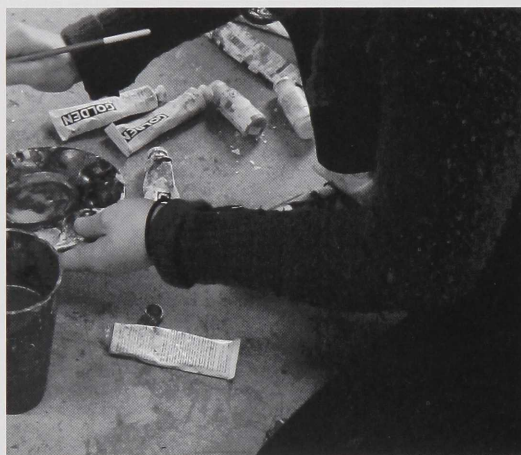




# Spring Art







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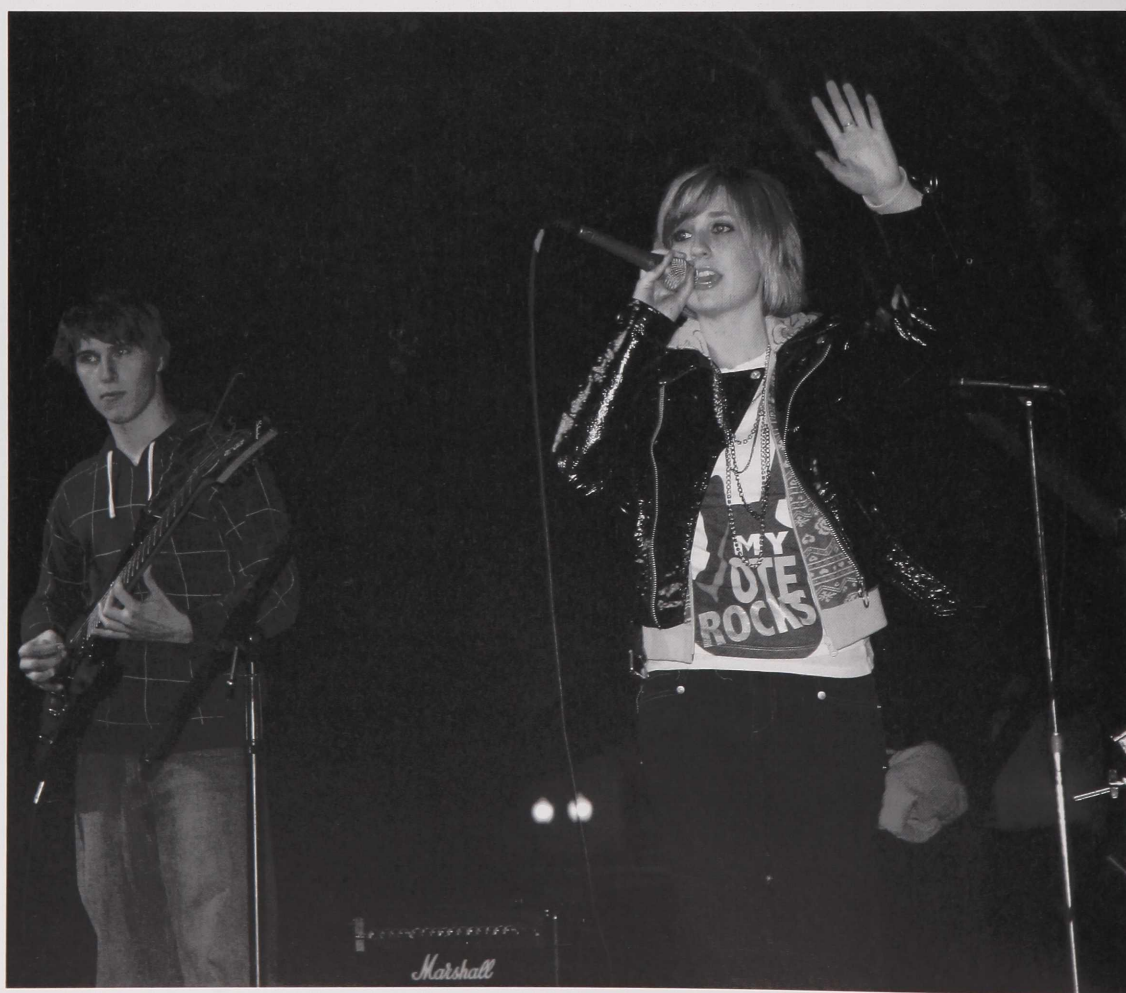
Christina Nasca '10



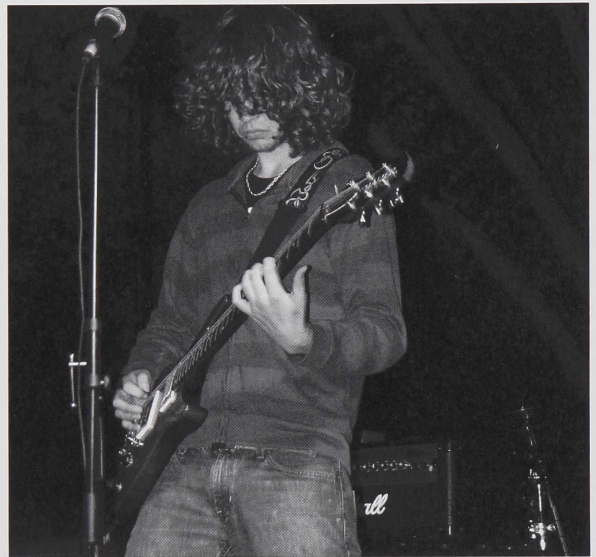
"I love the way my final art project looks in my living room window!"



# Battle of the Bands

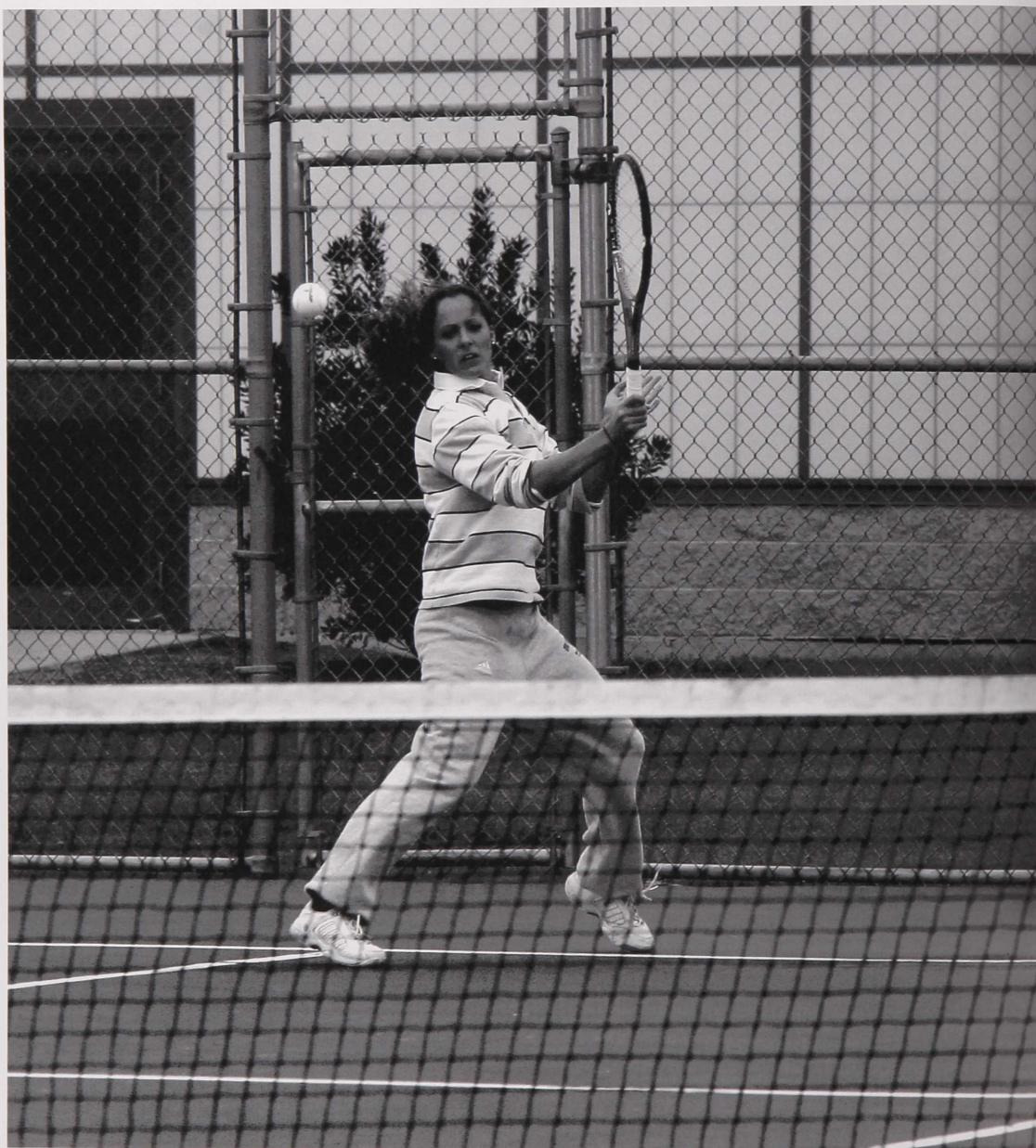




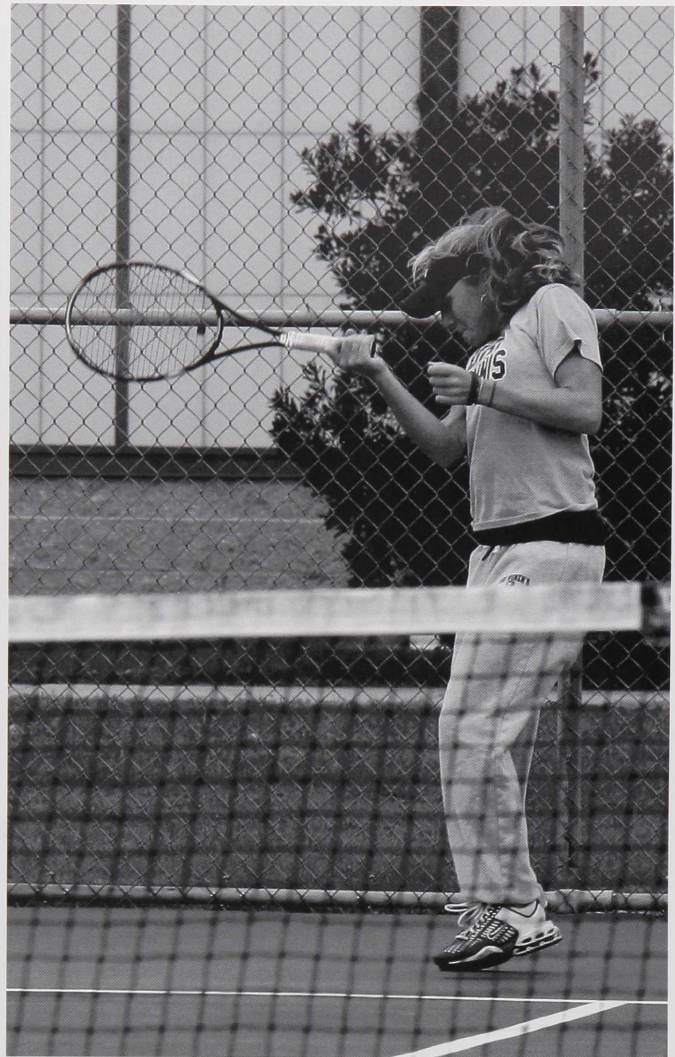
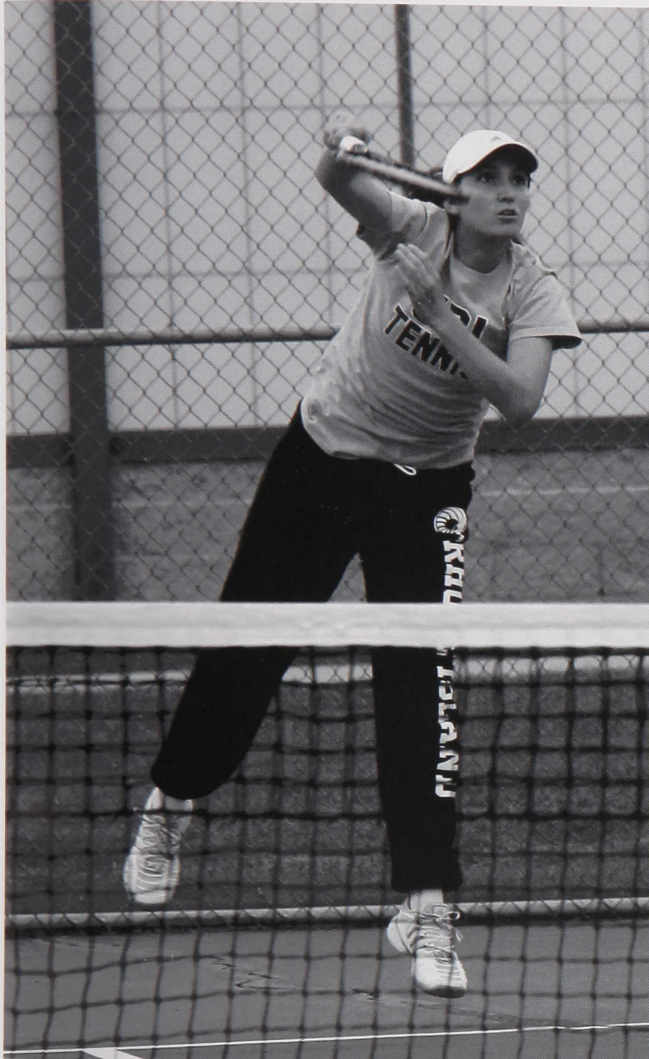


URI student bands battled it out to see who could create the best beats and impress the audience. Several bands rocked it out on stage in Edwards Auditorium for a night full of rock n' roll!

# Women's Tennis





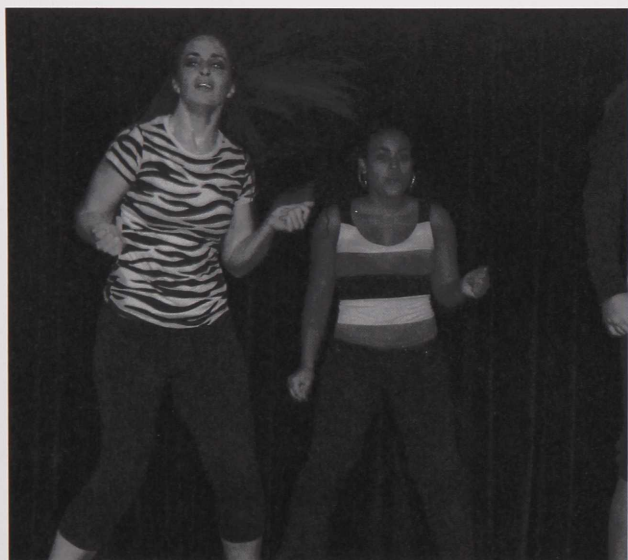


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Kirsten Leikem '12

"We're constantly trying to improve."



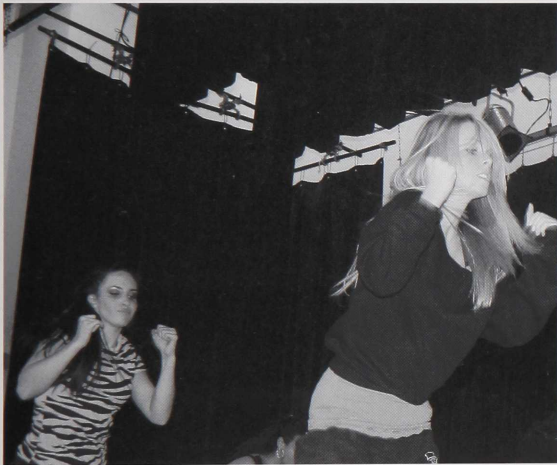




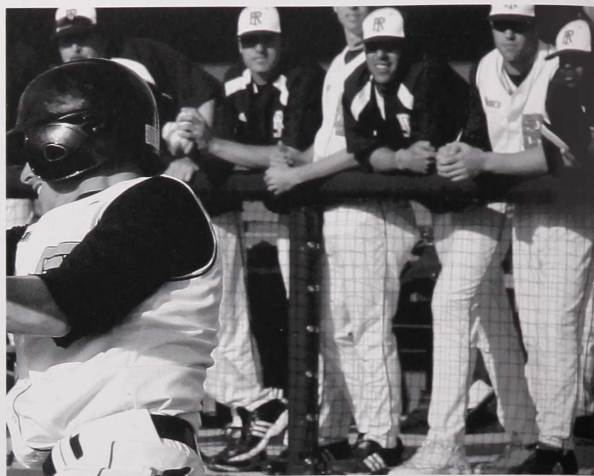
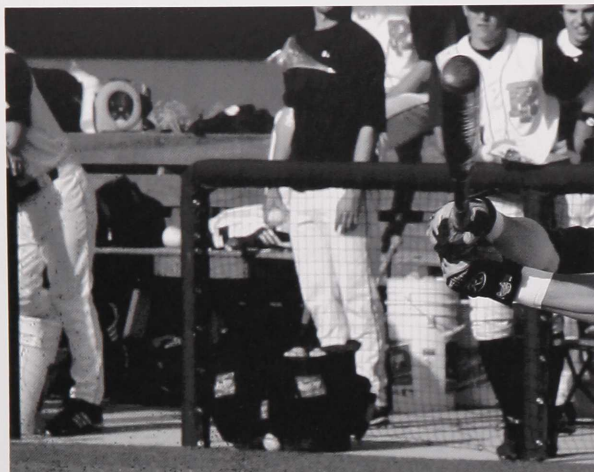
# Black American Society

# AIDS

# Awareness




# Baseball




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Oliver Palmer '10



"We've been playing really well."

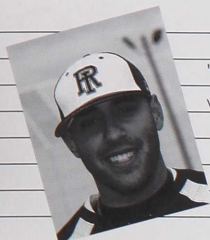






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Eric Smith '10



"We've got a lot of young guys  
who stepped up."

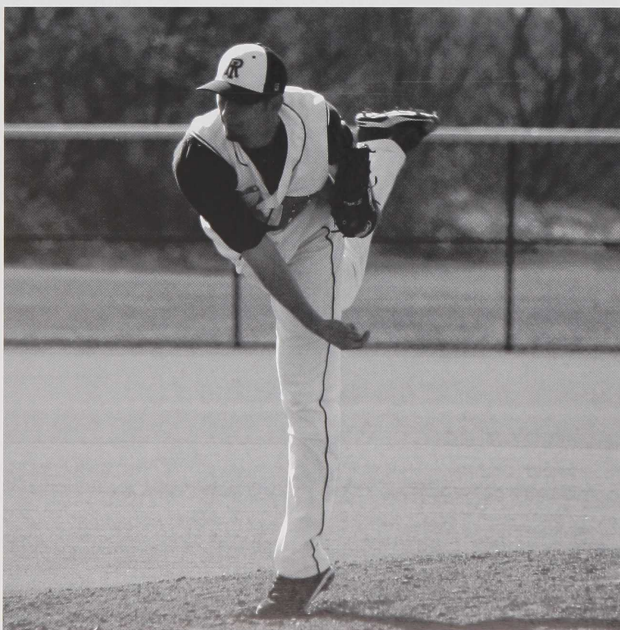


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Tim Boyce '10



"We had a little set back, but  
we're doing well now."

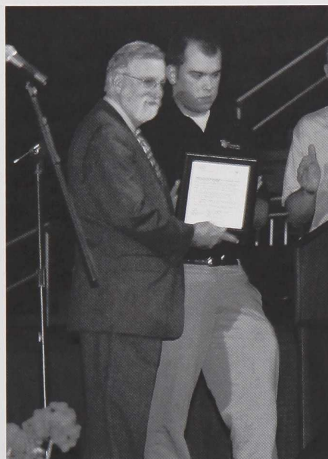


# Saying Goodbye

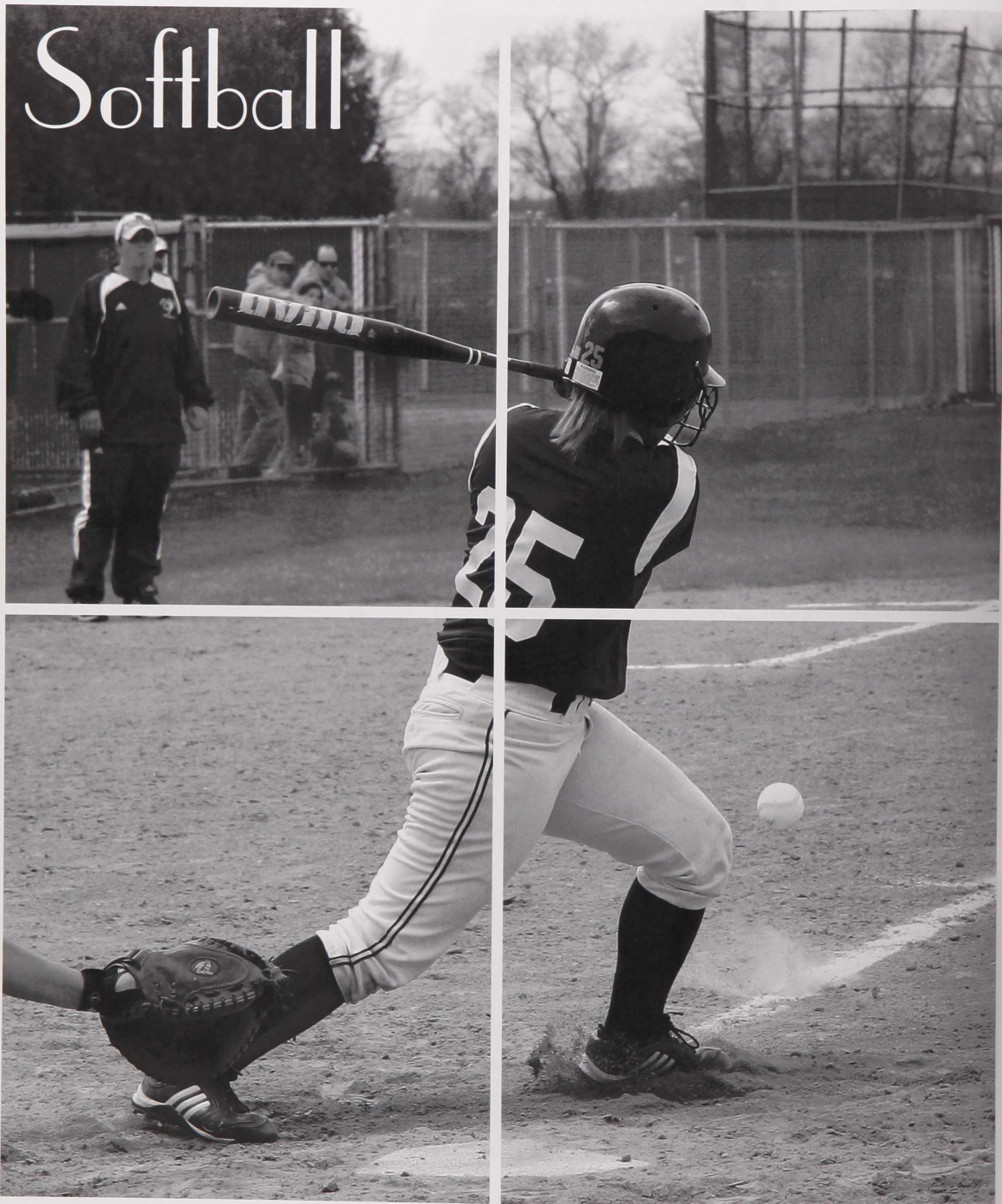
## to President Carothers







# Softball





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Melissa Wilson '10



"We're peaking at the right time."



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Courtney Prendergast '12



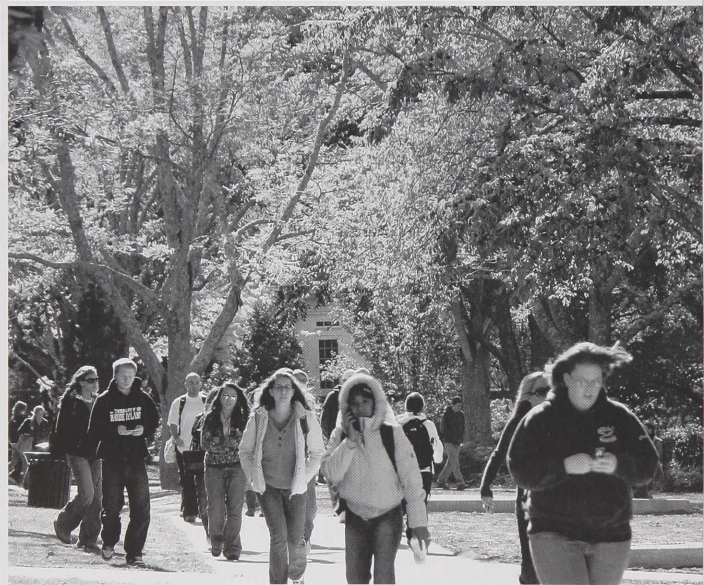
"We're finally getting the hits we needed."





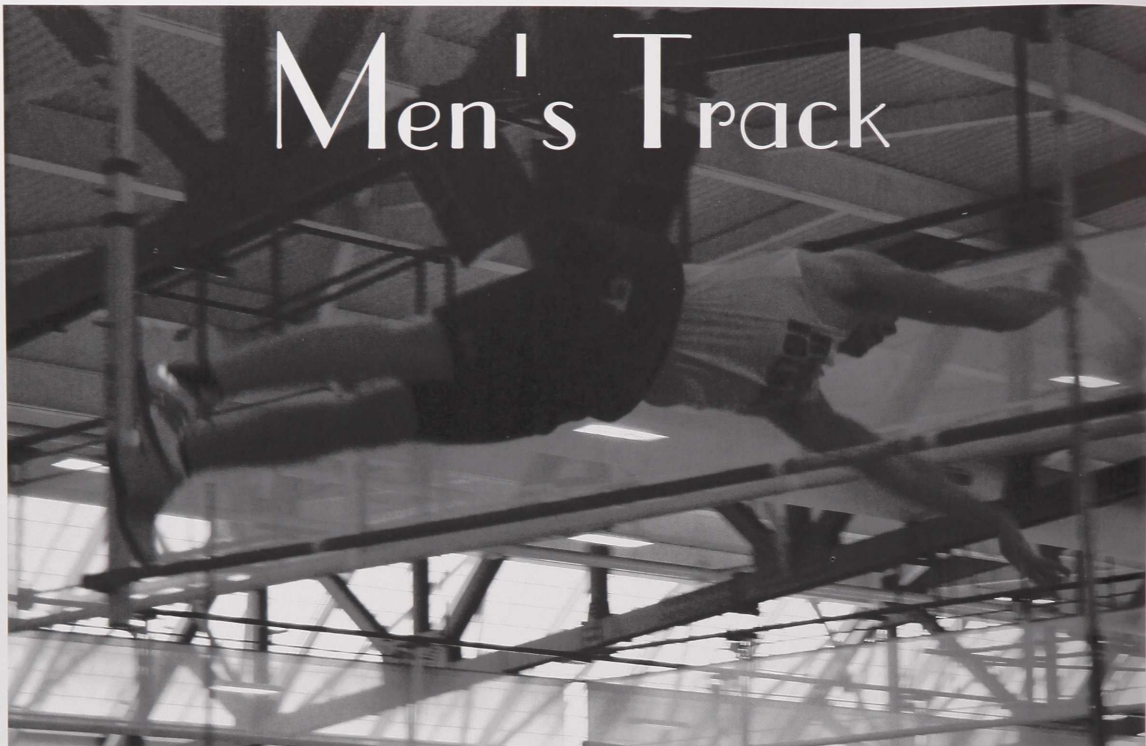








# Men's Track



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Cameron Cormier '11



"We're really working as a team."

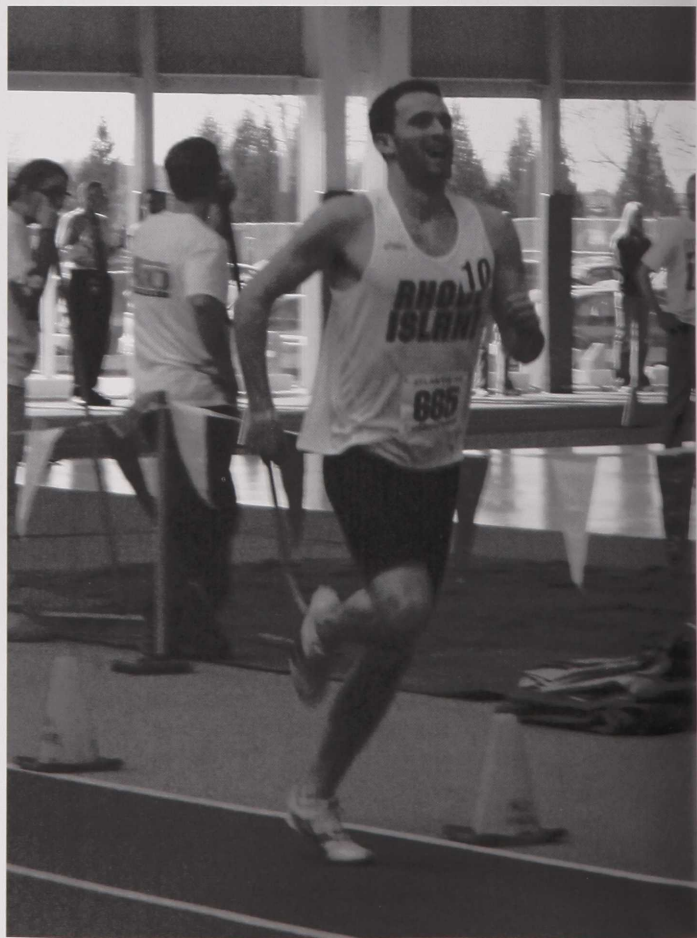


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Shawn Leonard '10



"Everyone is competing really well today. Hopefully they continue to run well."





# Women's Track



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Natalia Nugent '10



"I think we have a great season ahead of us."



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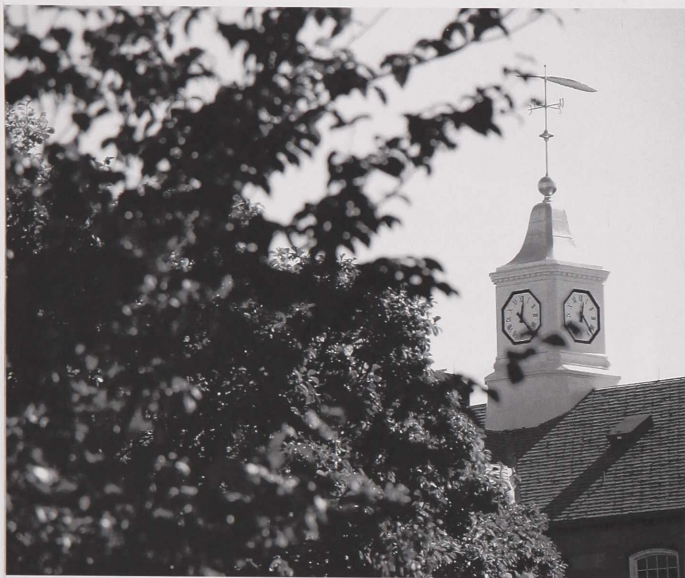
Ty Graham '09



"We have a lot of potential."











# Rowing



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Kelly Cesare '12

"I'm proud of the team and everyone on it."



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Megan O'Brien '11

"We've been working hard, and it's nice to have the first race at home."











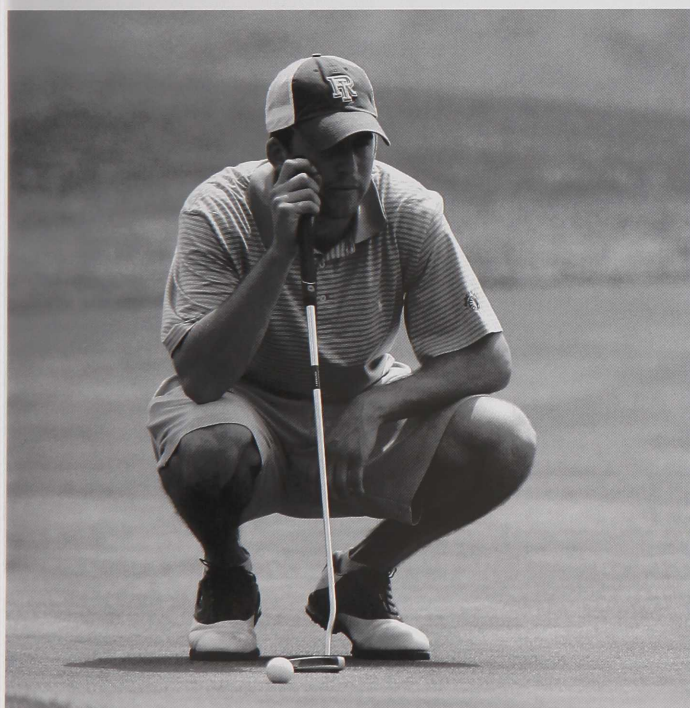




# Golf

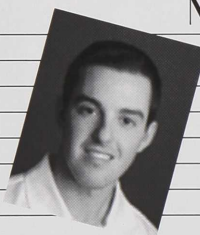






URI

Mark Stevens '09



"Do you like what you see?"



# Rainville Awards

## Prep:

be an outstanding student, student employee, or organization on the URI campus, get nominated for an award, apply to win, get selected as a finalist

## Ingredients:

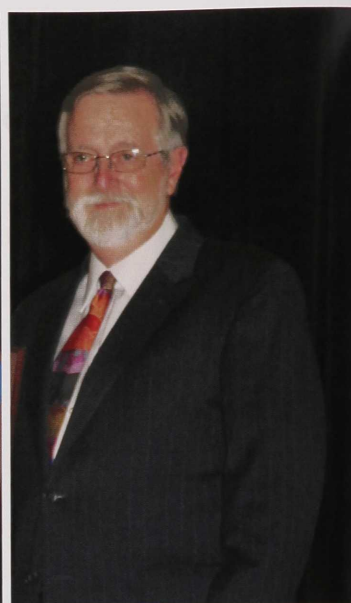
leadership, achievements, teamwork, admirable people, prepared speeches, plaques

## Directions:

if invited, attend the ceremony to cheer on fellow students and organizations and wait to see which students are excellent enough to win based on category applied for

## Bake:

3 hours



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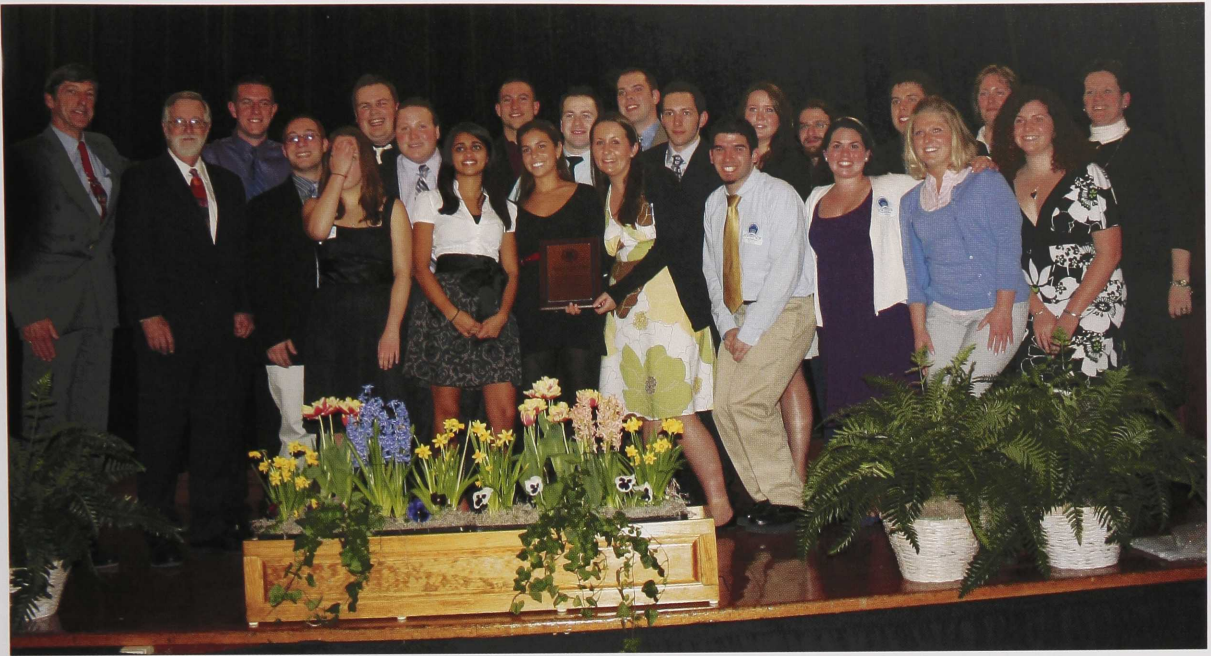
Melanie Shapiro '09



"I'm very surprised to have won it; it's a tremendous honor."







URI

Amanda LaRocca '11



"Senate rocks and it's awesome that we're finally getting the recognition we deserve."



URI

Carolyn Kopcha '11



"My organization, Sigma Alpha, a newly developing professional agricultural sorority on campus, spent some time bonding together while taking laps to raise money for our charity team."



# Relay For Life



photo credit to Corrine Condon



photo credit to Carolyn Kopcha

## Prep:

form walking teams or go by yourself, raise money for cancer awareness, pack warm clothes, pack sleeping bags and tents

## Ingredients:

generous students and faculty who know someone with cancer, have it themselves, or just want to support a good cause, good friends, tents, sleeping bags, snacks

## Directions:

donate money to the fund, head to the URI track with your friends/team and walk around for 24 hours to support cancer research, take breaks to enjoy good company and rest, feel proud that you taking steps towards finding a cure for cancer

## Bake:

24 hours





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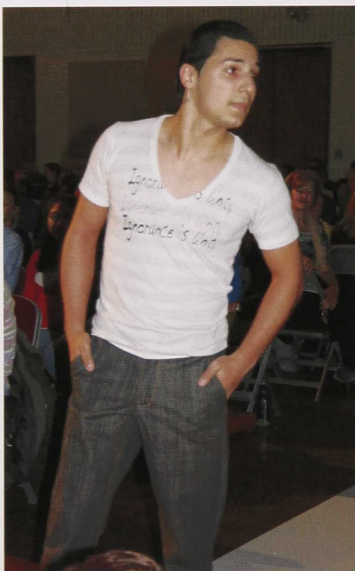
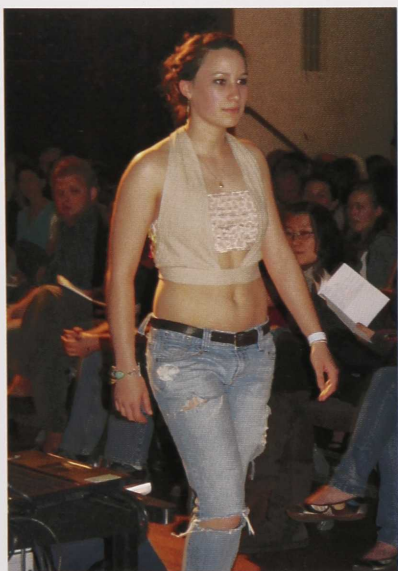


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# FMS Fashion Show





**Prep:**

pick a show theme, design clothes,  
buy fabric, make clothes and trendy  
new outfits, choose models

**Ingredients:**

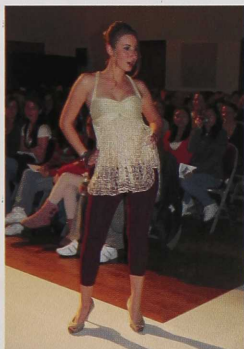
URI students in the Fashion  
Merchandizing Society that are  
aspiring to be designers, lots and lots  
of fabric and sewing equipment, hard  
work and dedication, models

**Directions:**

design several pieces of clothing and  
ensembles, make the clothes, arrange  
them on models to show off your  
hard work at the fashion show, be  
proud of your work

**Bake:**

1 night



URI

Amy Levinson '11

"FMS was proud to say that their  
annual fashion show, this year  
titled 'Inspiration,' went  
extremely well. Students got to  
showcase their talents with  
handmade designs, while using  
what inspires them and their  
work."







# Greek Week







### Prep:

pick fraternity and sorority pairs, get really excited, pick themes and practice routines, buy supplies

### Ingredients:

excited Greek students, talent, enthusiasm, team spirit, competitive edge

### Directions:

once teams are formed and routines are ready to go, attend and participate in a week of action-packed events designed to engage the Greek community, improve relations between houses, make new friends, and raise money for a selected charity; party hard once the sun sets and winners are announced

### Bake:

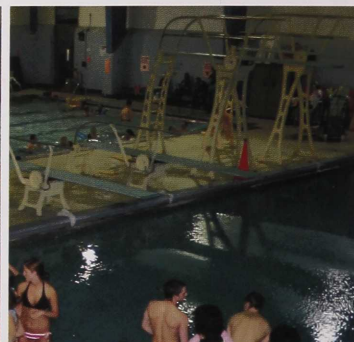
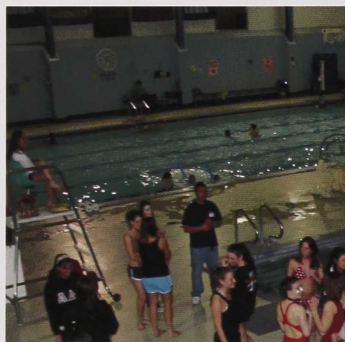
1 week

### URI

#### Sydney Elias '11

"Winning Miss Greek Week was a new and great experience for me. I was extremely nervous throughout the whole event, but my sorority sisters were by my side supporting me, giving me the courage I needed."





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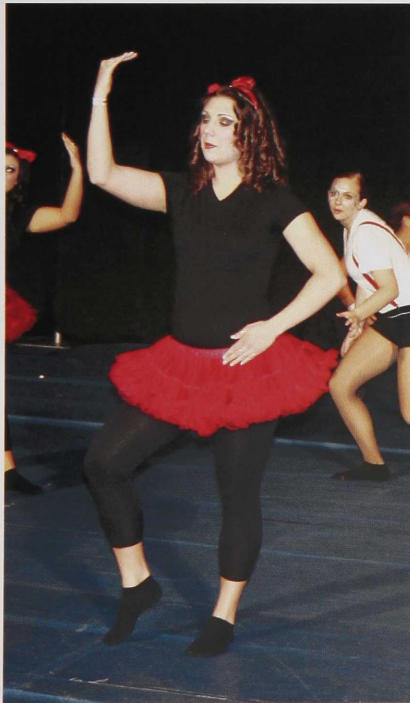
Rachael Cuttitta '11



"Greek week is great because it's a time when the whole Greek community can get together and participate in activities in a big group rather than as individual chapters."















# Block Party

## Prep:

set up tables and booths of URI organizations and crafts, put together fun activities, prepare to meet new people

## Ingredients:

stations for each URI organization, ability to talk to new people and interest them in your group, Build-A-Bear, sign station, cool merchandize, good food

## Directions:

if an organization, set up your table with information about your group and fun activities to draw potential new members over; if a student, walk around to various group tables and sign up to become a member while participating in other enjoyable activities and sampling treats; enjoy the nice weather

## Bake:

5 hours



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Alev Gulum '14



"I love getting free stuff in the pretty weather!"





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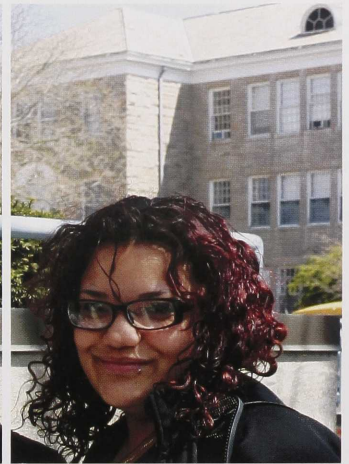
Britny Rogala '13



"This is an exciting way to kick off the spring season."









Angela Kinsey



# Spring Fest



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Alyssa Chaplin '12

"Meeting Angela Kinsey from  
The Office was awesome, I love  
her!"







## Mocktails

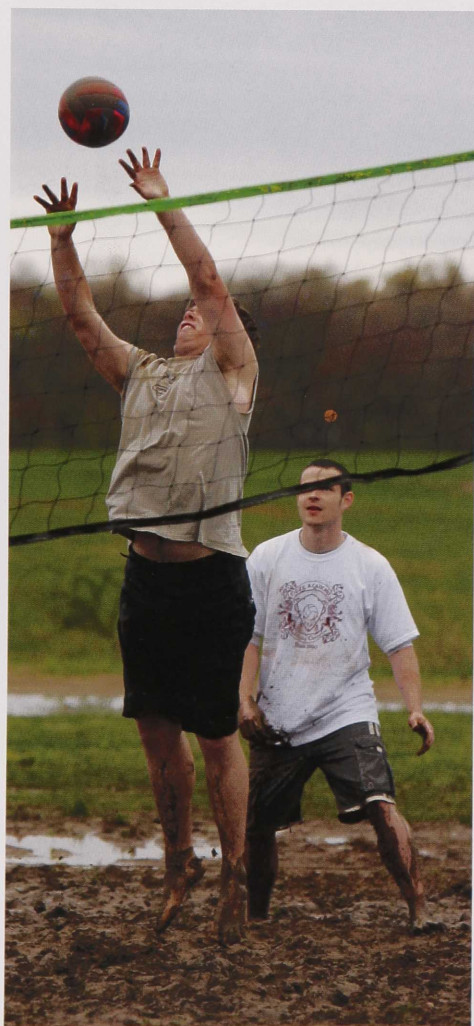


## Lobster Bake





# Oozeball



## Prep:

form teams, put on old clothes, prepare with your friends before the games start, spray down field with giant water hoses to create volleyball fields of mud

## Ingredients:

lots of mud, students that like to get down and dirty, volleyball, volleyball net, competitive edge, laughs, mud wrestling

## Directions:

head over to the mud fields with your friends and enjoy an intense day of double elimination volleyball games while getting down and dirty, wrestle your friends to get them dirty, have a great time with your friends at the last major event before school ends

## Bake:

1 day









URI

Yvonne Burnett '13



"Oozeball is my favorite URI tradition, even if the mud is really cold!"















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Emily Moore '09



"There is nothing like jumping around in the mud to really bring a group of friends together!"





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## URI Classics Society



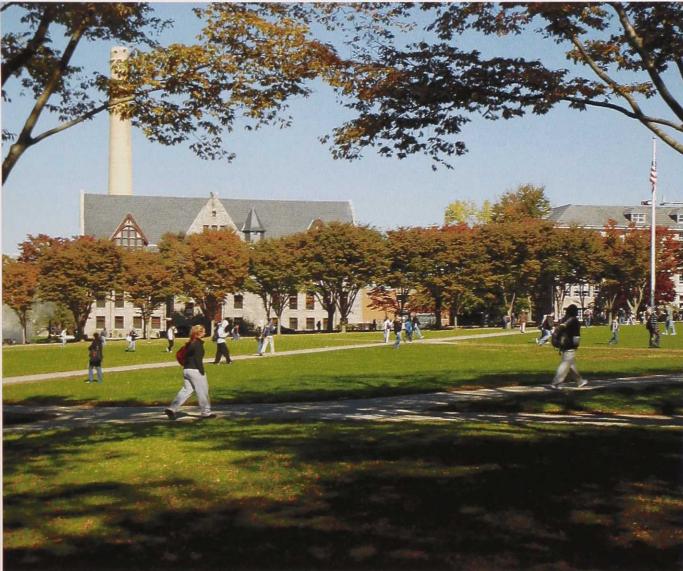
"What could be more  
entertaining and hilarious than  
playing Oozeball in togas?"



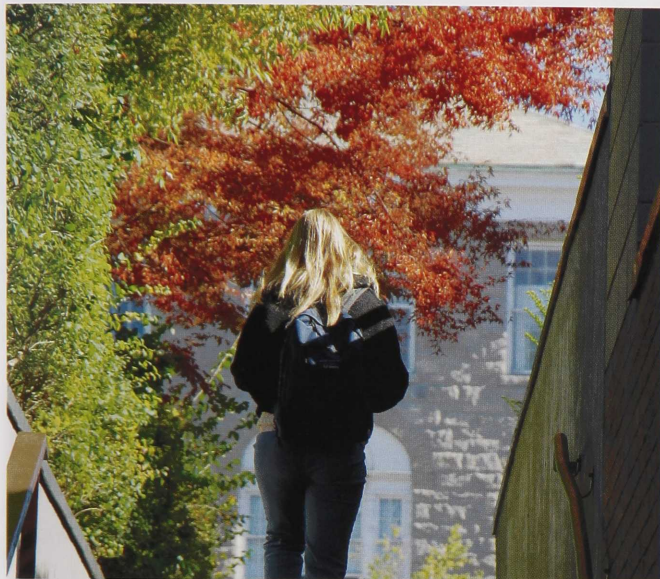














# Renaissance Yearbook

URI

## Justine Metro



Justine served as Editor-in-Chief for the second year in a row. Without the help of her greatly talented and dedicated staff the book could not have been completed without them. She wishes them great luck in all their future endeavors!



## Laura Donnelley

URI



Serving as Finance Editor, Senior, Laura handled the Renaissance account finances and proved herself a great asset to the staff and with the production of this book.



URI

## Melissa Simandl



Melissa, a Junior, served as the Finance Assistant. She helped with all the Renaissance finances and handled all the responsibilities with dealing with our account. Without her, this book would not have been possible!



URI

## Emily George



Emily served as Sports Editor. With her non-stop dedication, she proved herself to be a great staff member. She always worked hard to get the best possible pictures and because of her efforts, she will serve as one of Editors-in-Chief next year.



URI

## Jenn Lashinsky



Jenn served as Arts assistant. She worked on several spreads that showcase some of URI's best art talents. She was able to show the campus' best art and create art while doing so. These skills have shown her abilities as a great worker and therefore will also be an Editor-in-Chief next year.



## Marissa Colson

URI



Marissa, a Senior, has shown her great commitment and skills by being Memories Editor. She has shown her great talents by creating pages with great photos and composition. Without her, the book would not nearly as creative as it is.





URI

## Courtney Barnas



Courtney worked in Memories, creating photos and spreads that would bring back the best moments of special URI times. With her hard work and creativity, she made her spreads memorable.



URI

## Yvonne Burnett



Yvonne worked in the Arts sections working primarily with the theatre spreads. She was able to showcase some of URI's best acting talents in a creative way.



URI

## Meghan Ligenfelter



Meghan worked as an assistant editor who contributed to the candid quality of the book. She captured the true everyday moments of campus life.



URI

## Alisha Pavao



Alisha worked with several staff members lending a helping hand. With her new and innovative ideas she helped make spreads and photos more creative for the artistic design of the book.



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## David Kelvey



David worked in Sports and contributed greatly to the photography. He worked hard at getting the best action photos to make you feel you were right at the game.



URI

## Caitlin Dowd



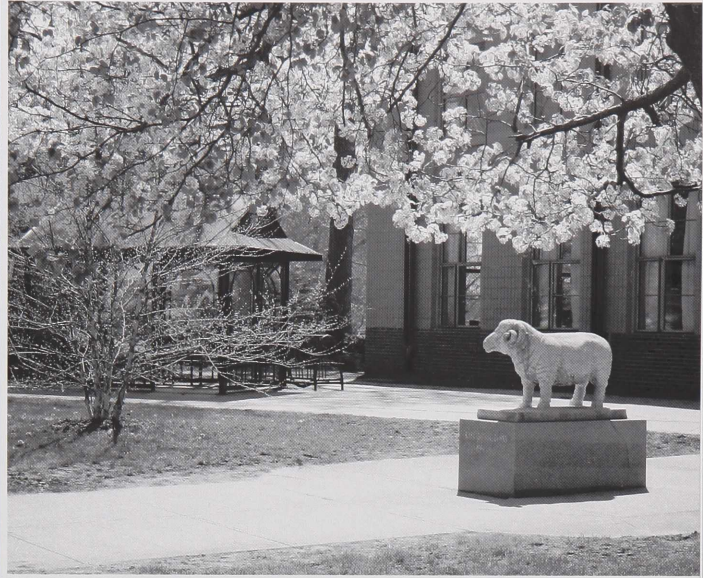
Caitlin served as an assistant editor who contributed to the many candids in the book. She was able to capture the real pictures of URI daily life.



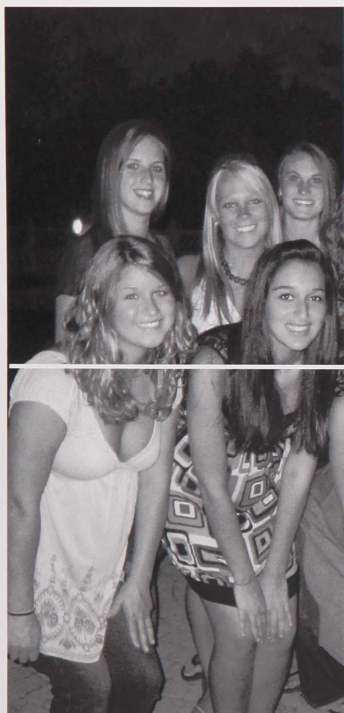
















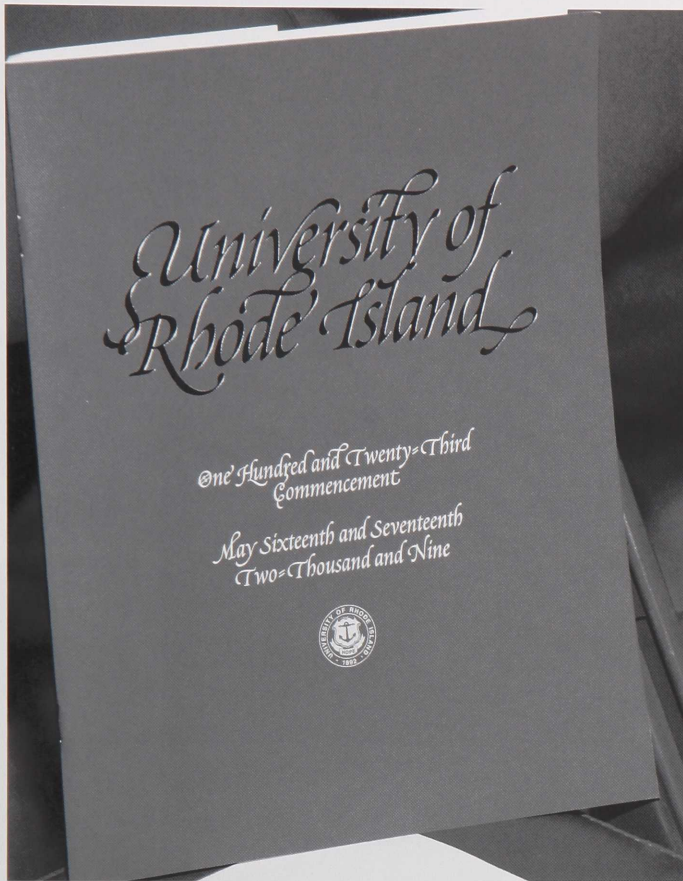
# Seniors











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College of Human Sciences and Services

College of Nursing

College of Pharmacy



Joseph Accinno



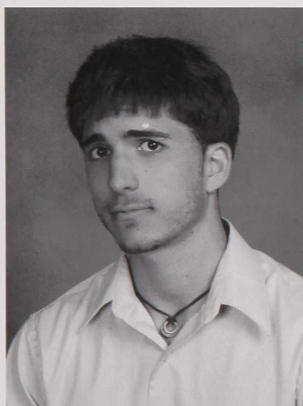
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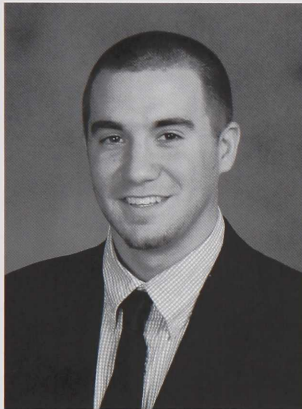
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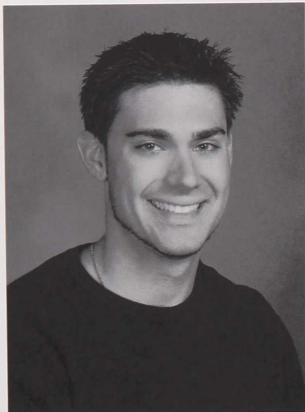
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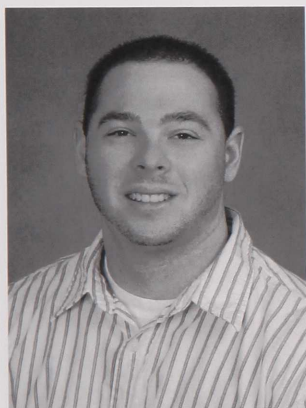
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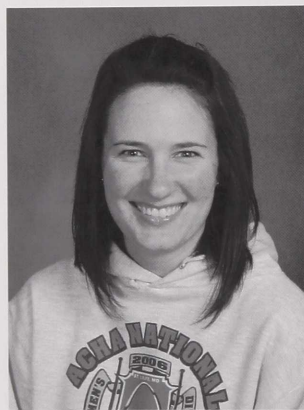
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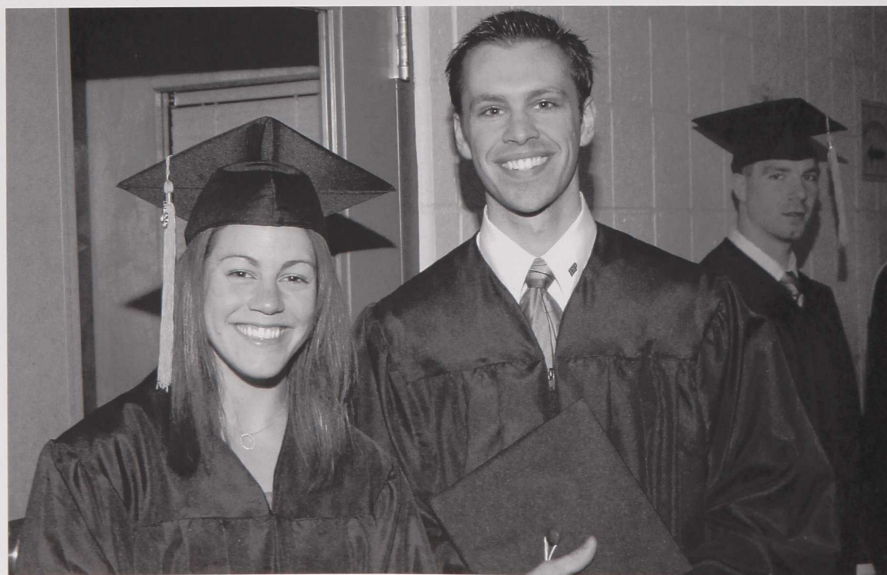
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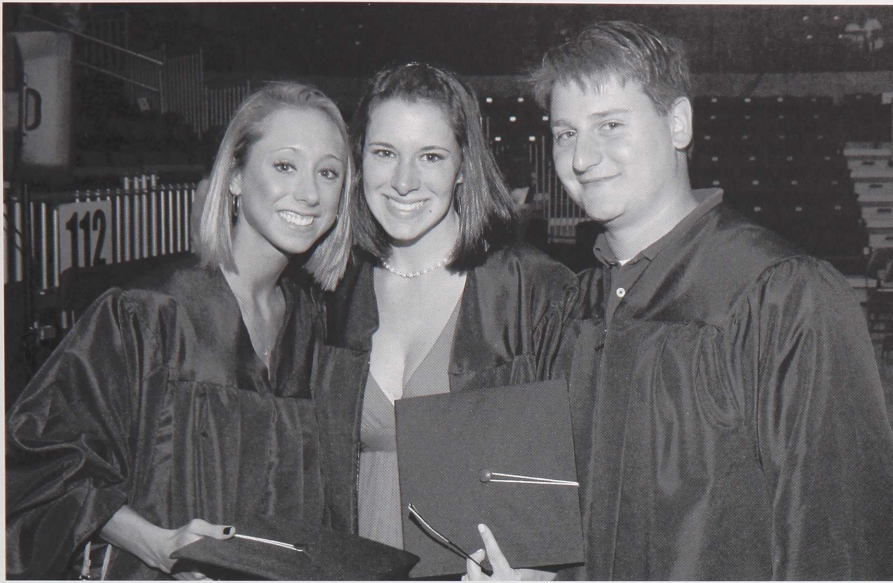
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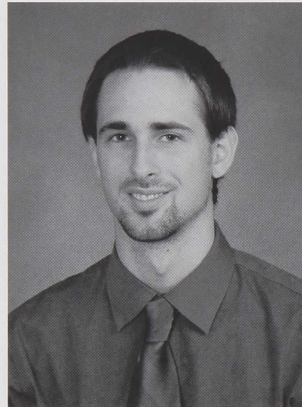




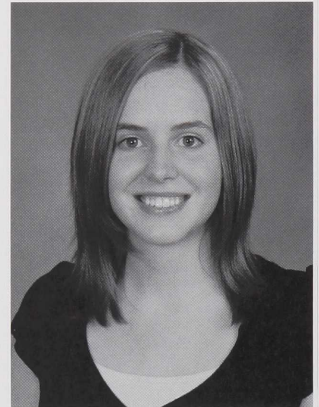
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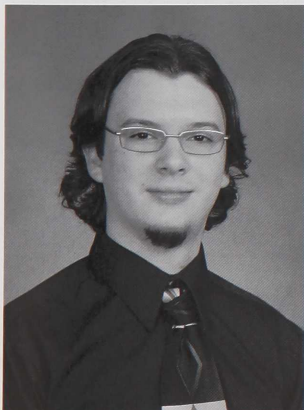
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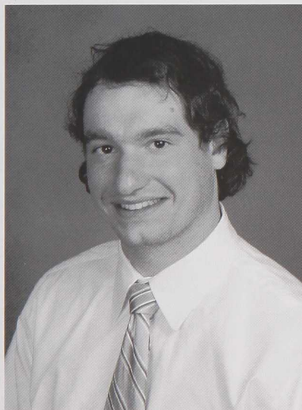
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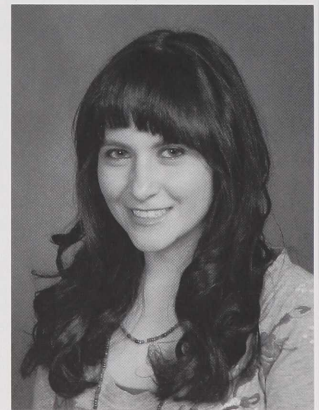
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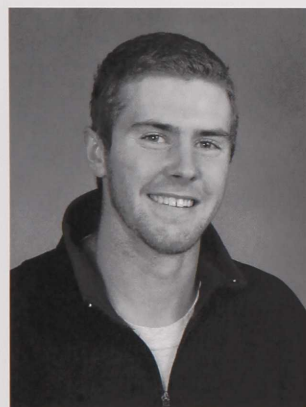
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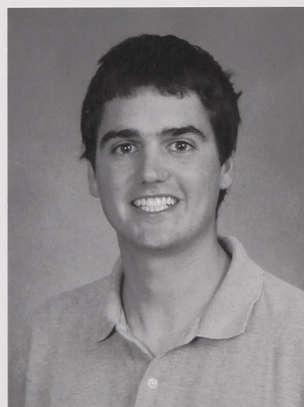
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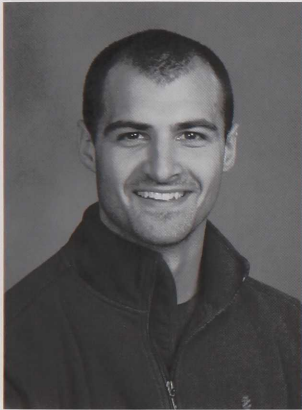
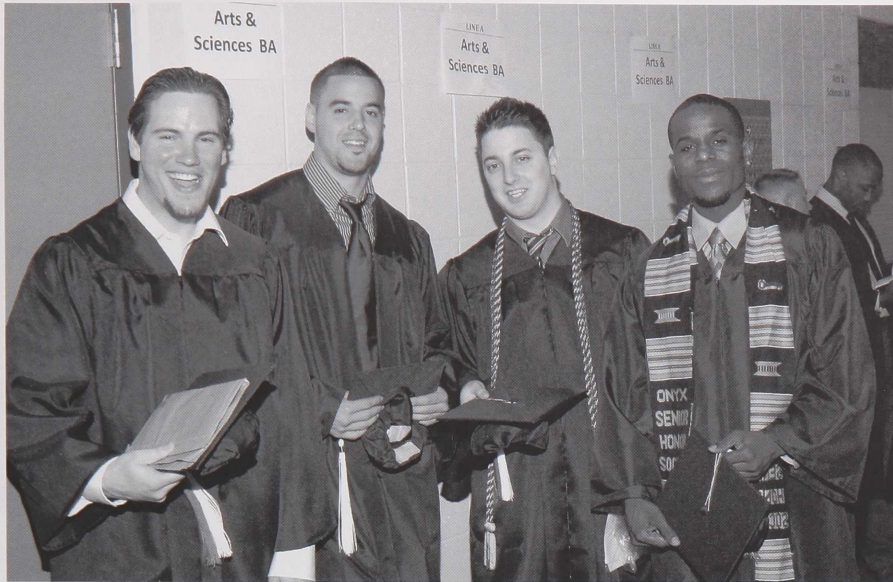
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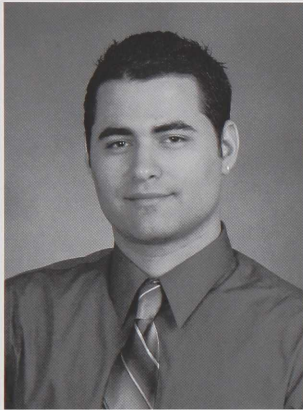
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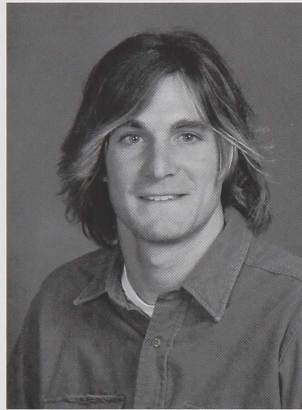




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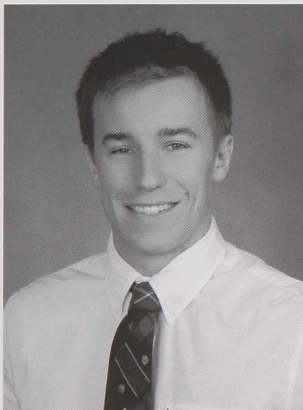
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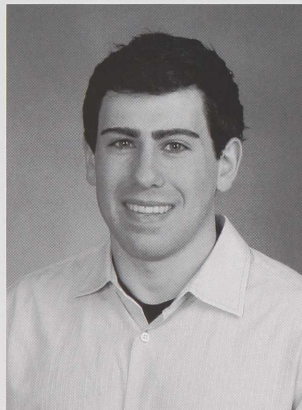
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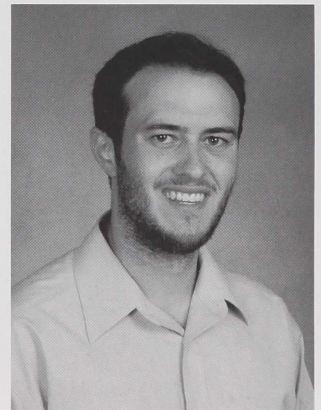
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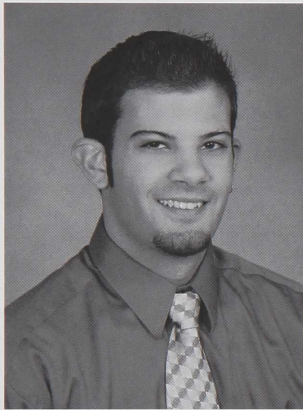
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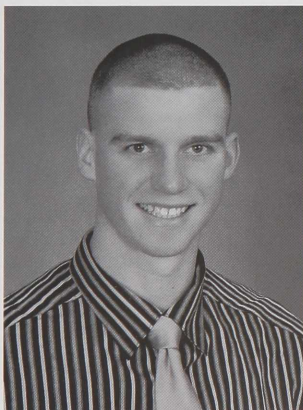
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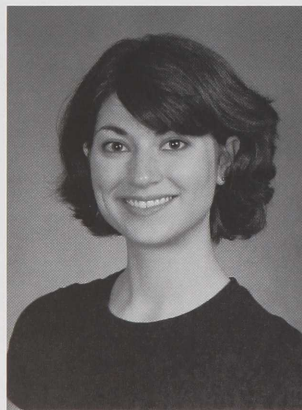
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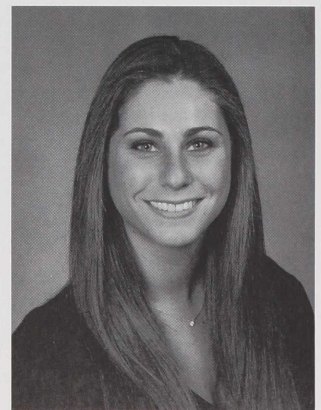
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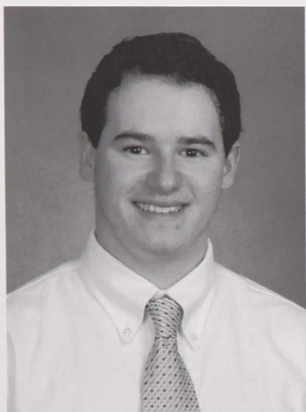
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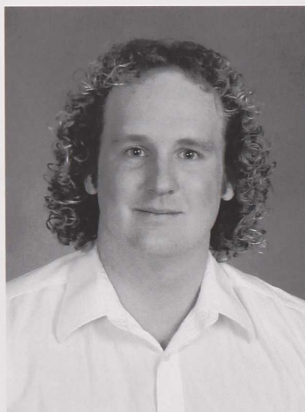
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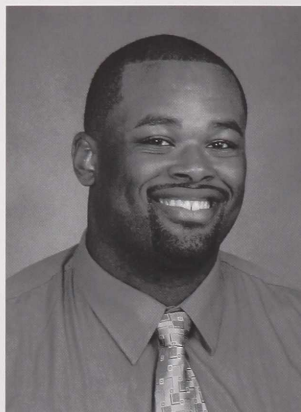
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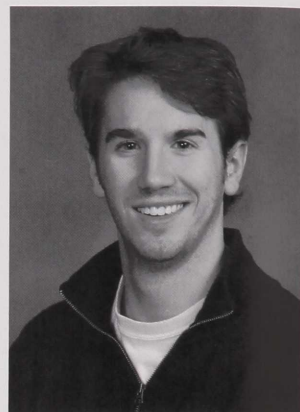
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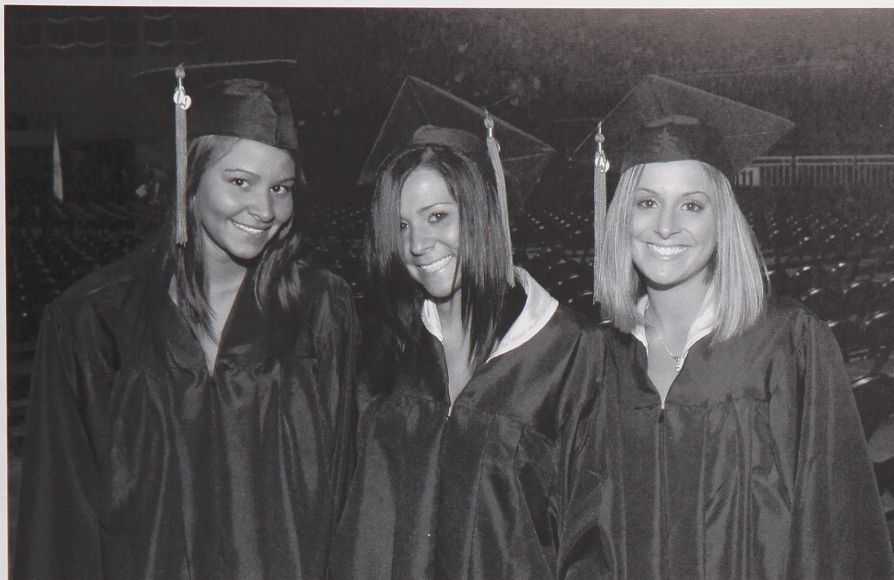
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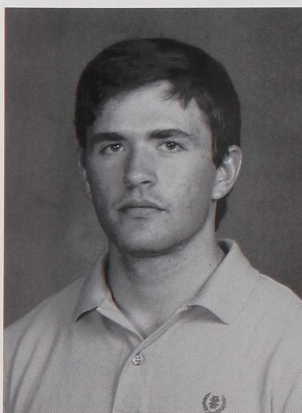
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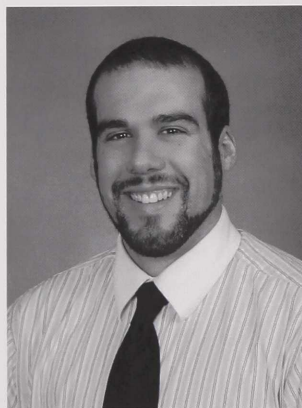
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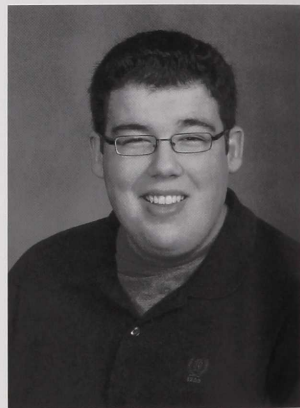
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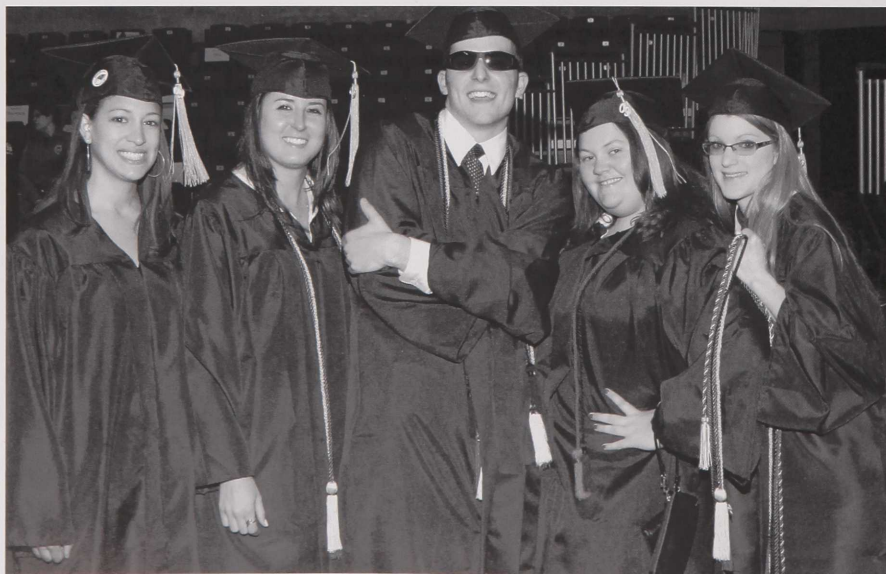
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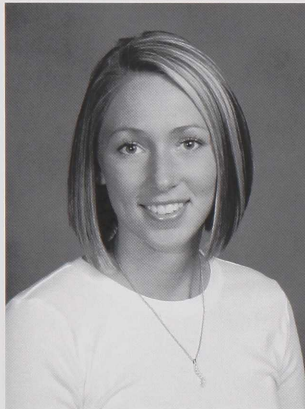
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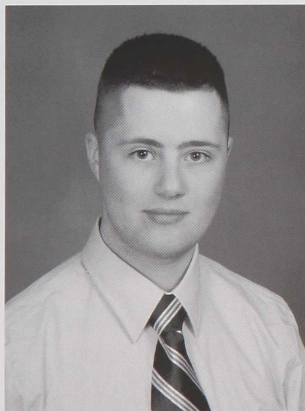
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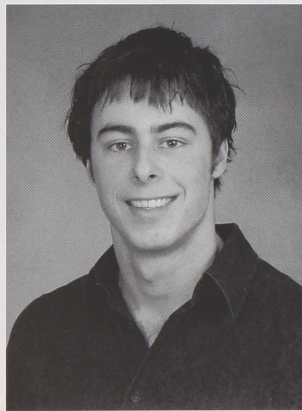
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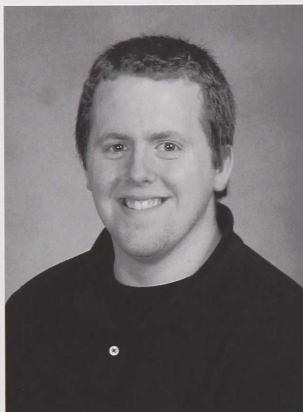
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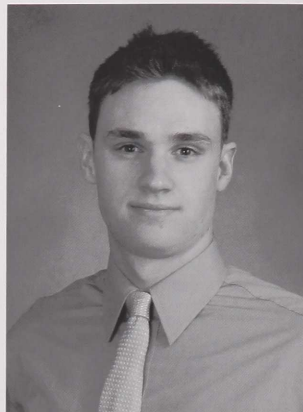
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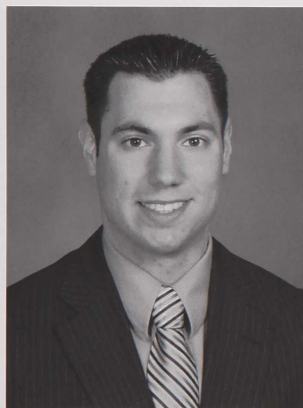
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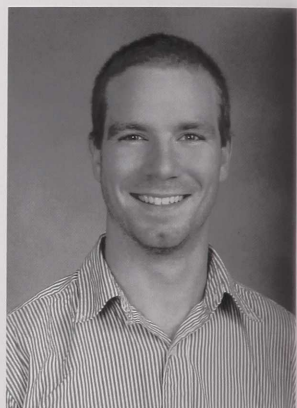
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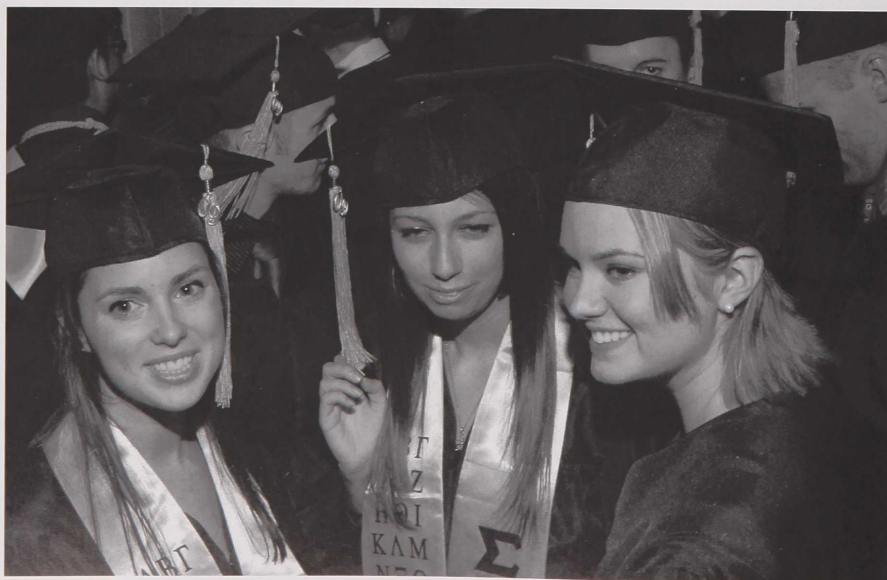
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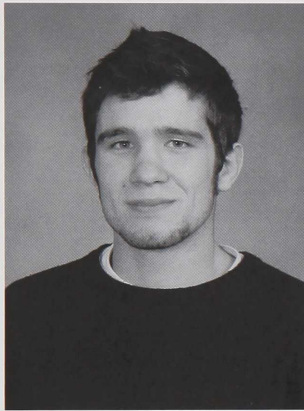
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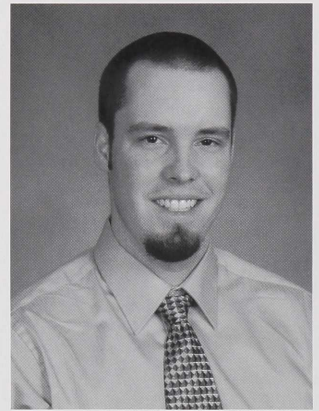
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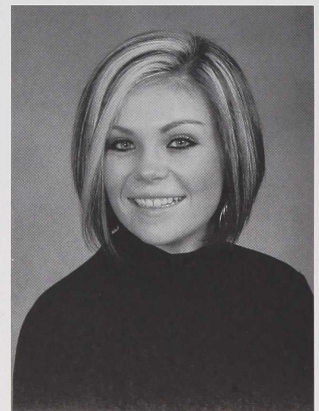
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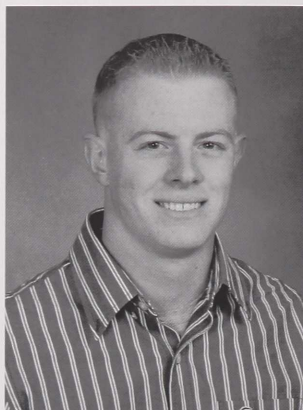
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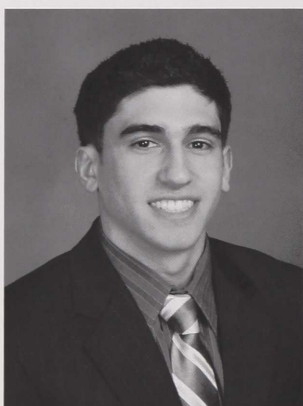
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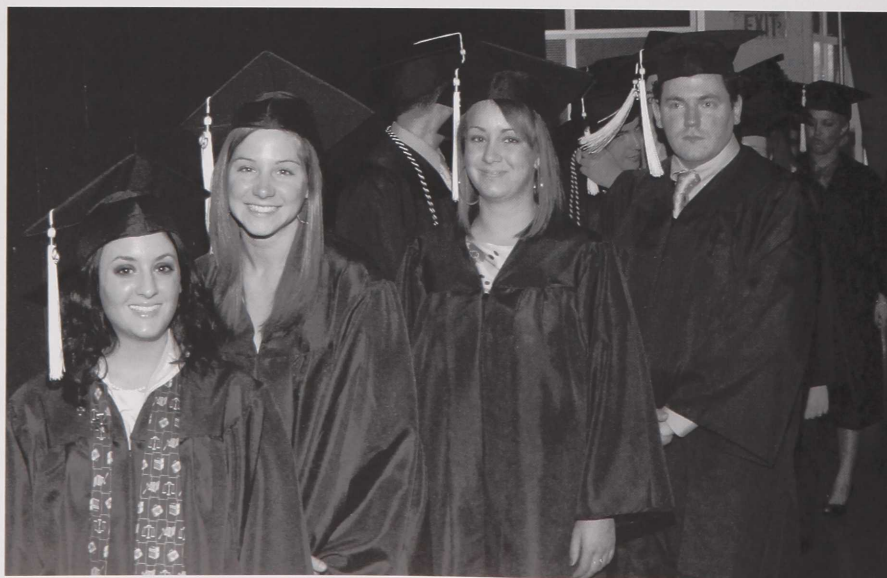
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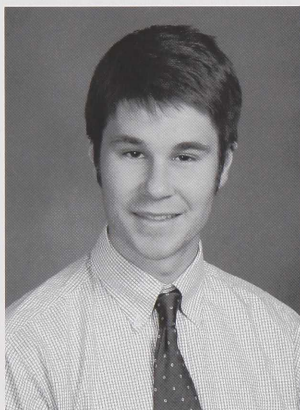




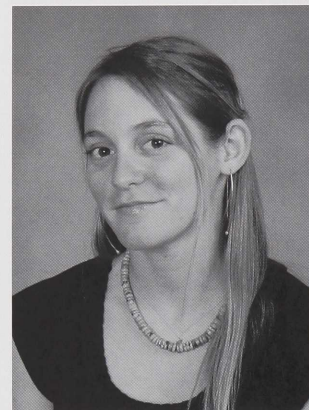
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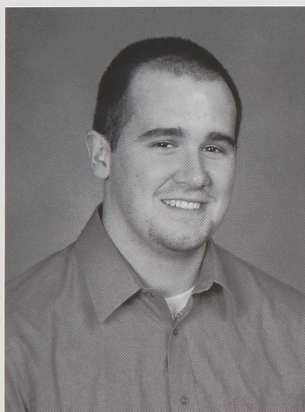
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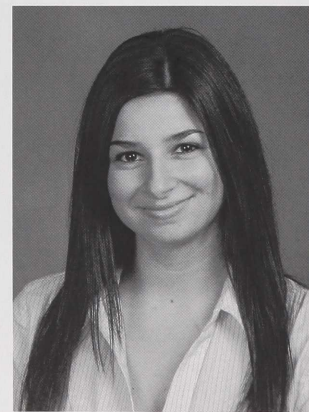
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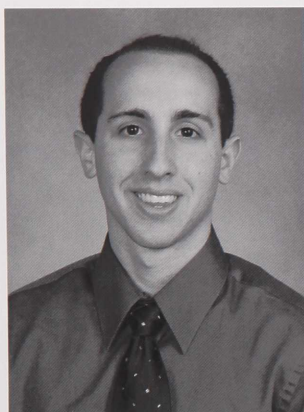
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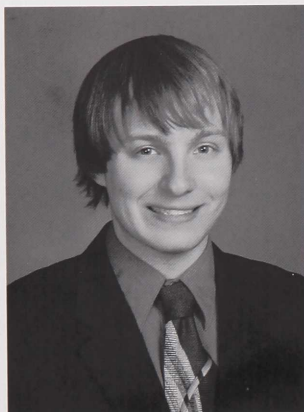
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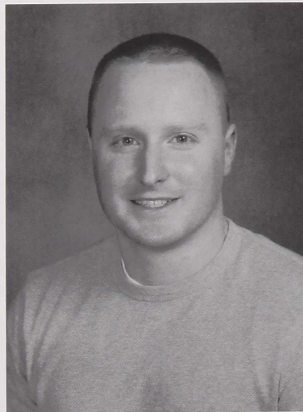
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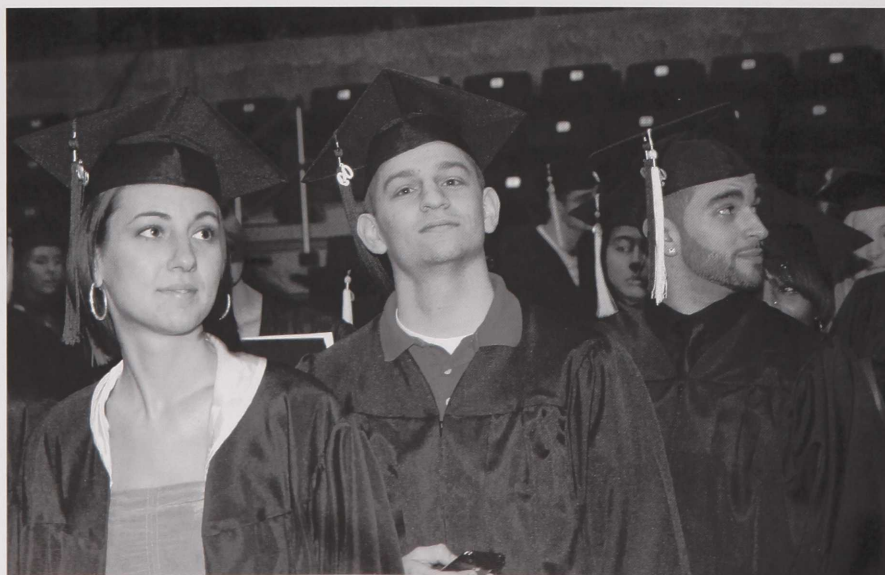
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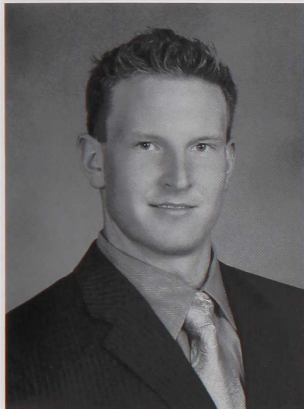
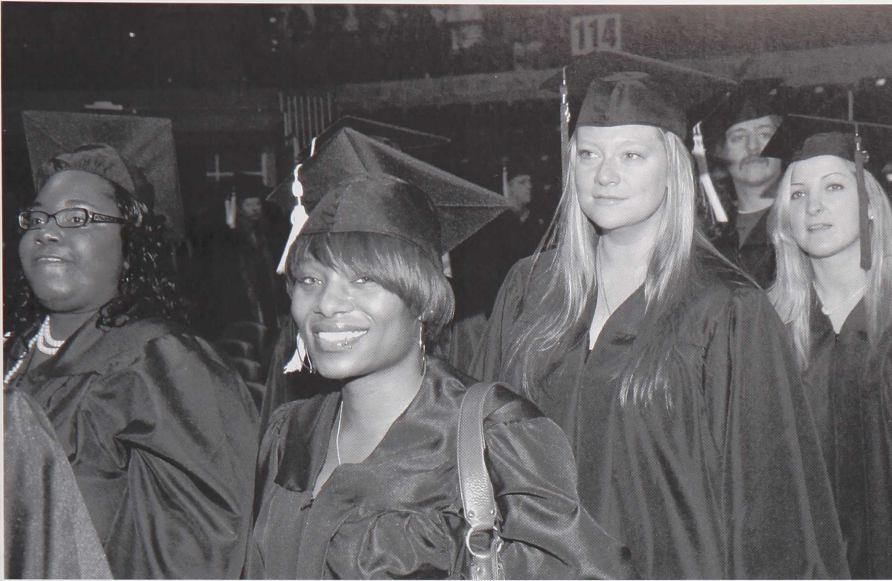
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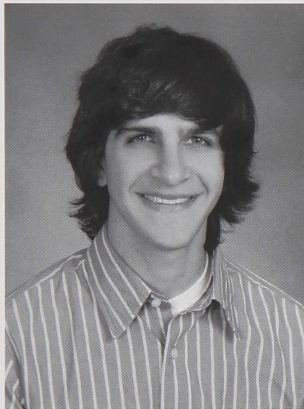
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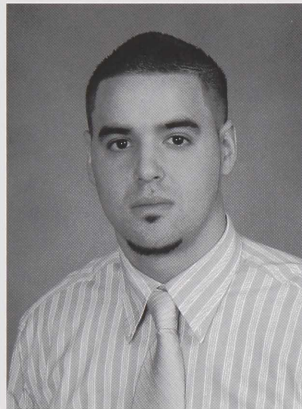




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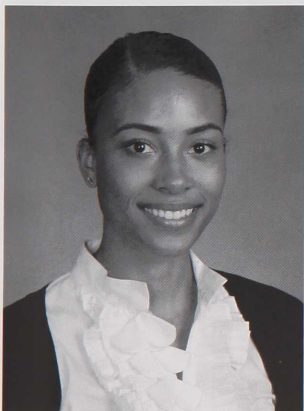
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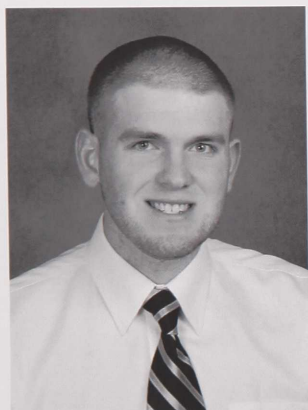
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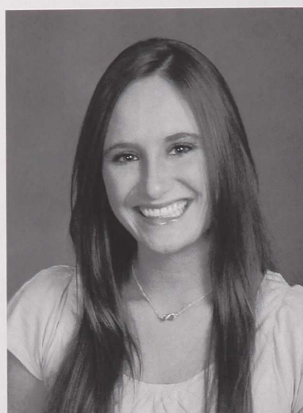
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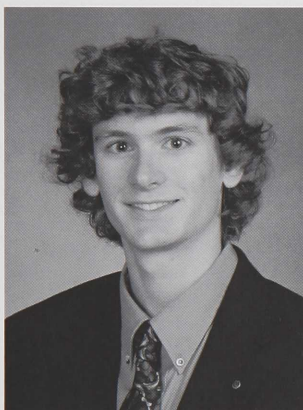
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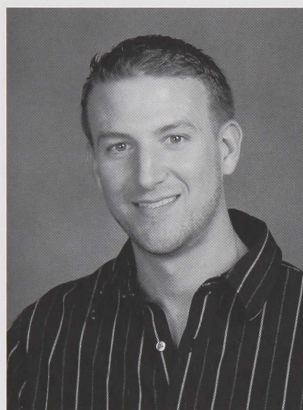




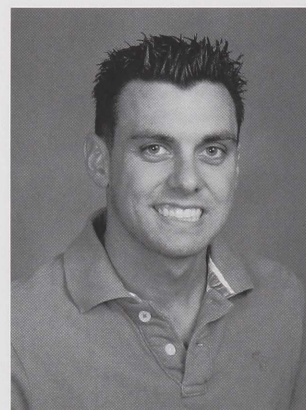
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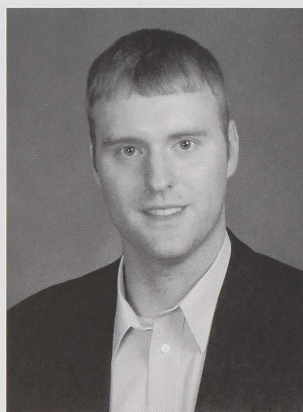
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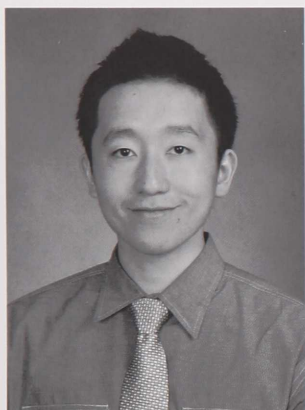
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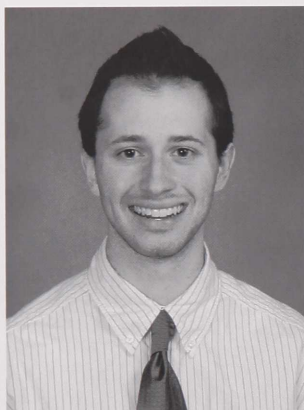
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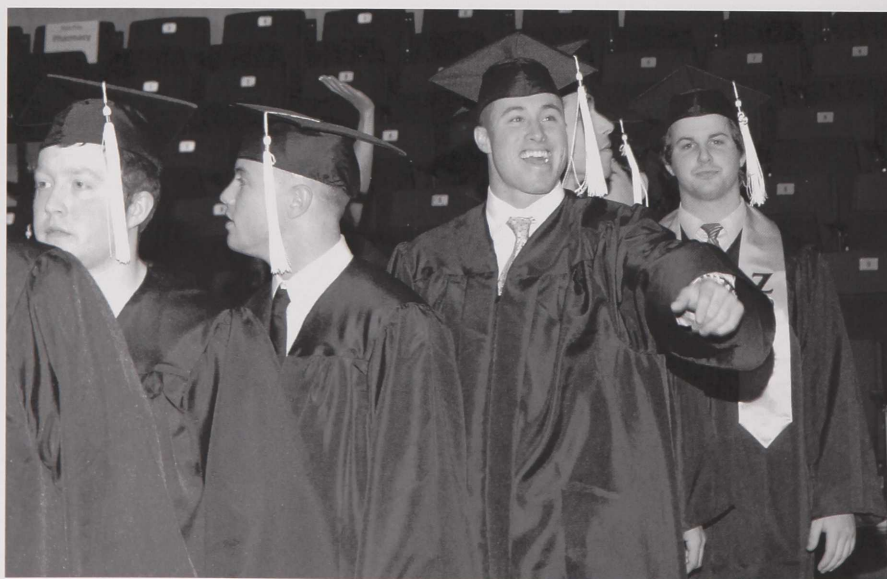
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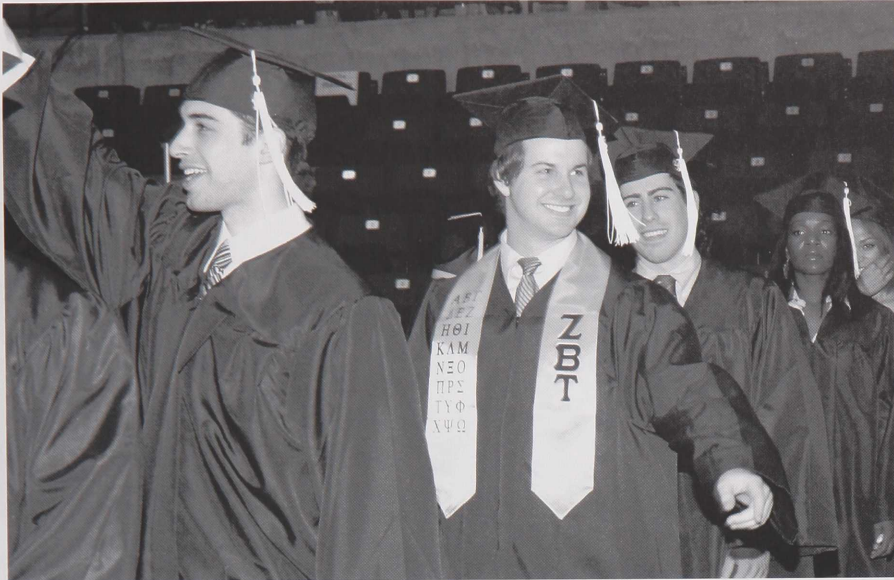
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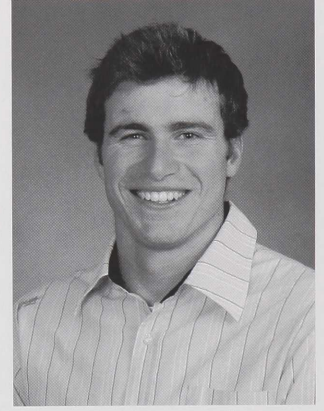
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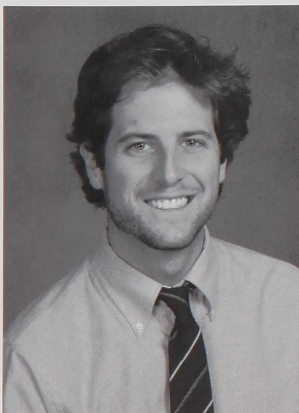
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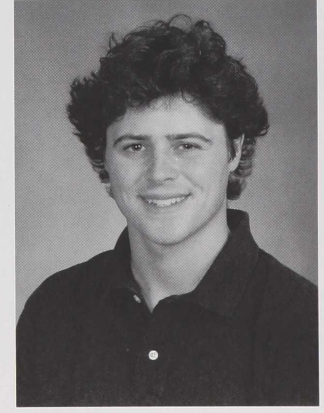
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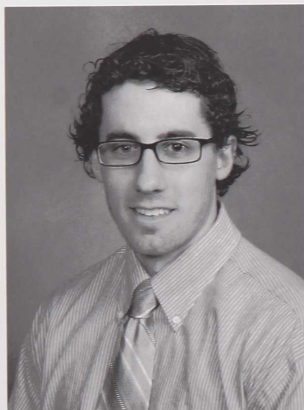
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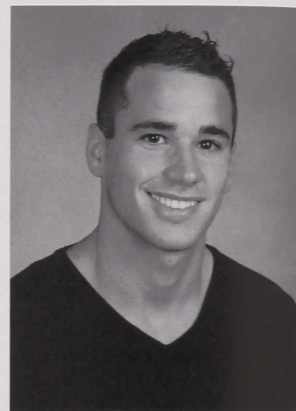
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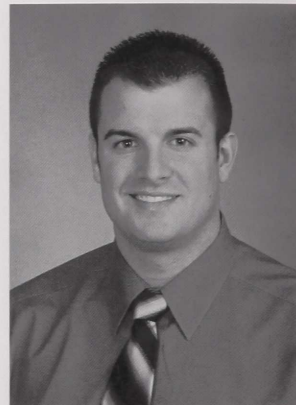
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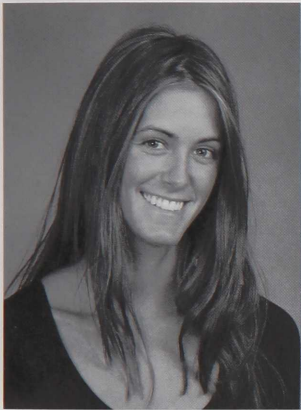
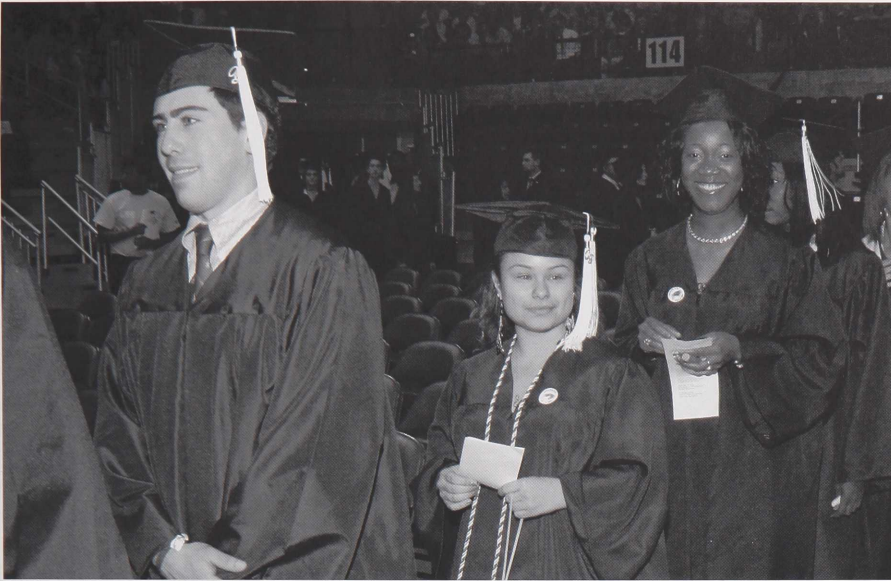
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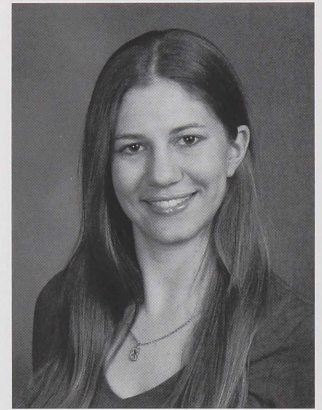
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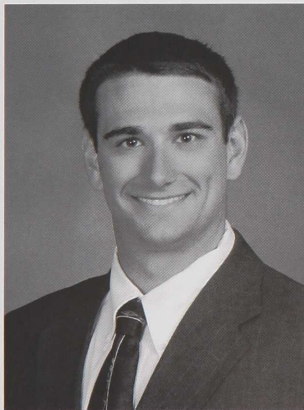
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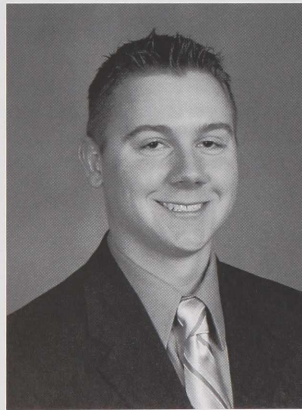
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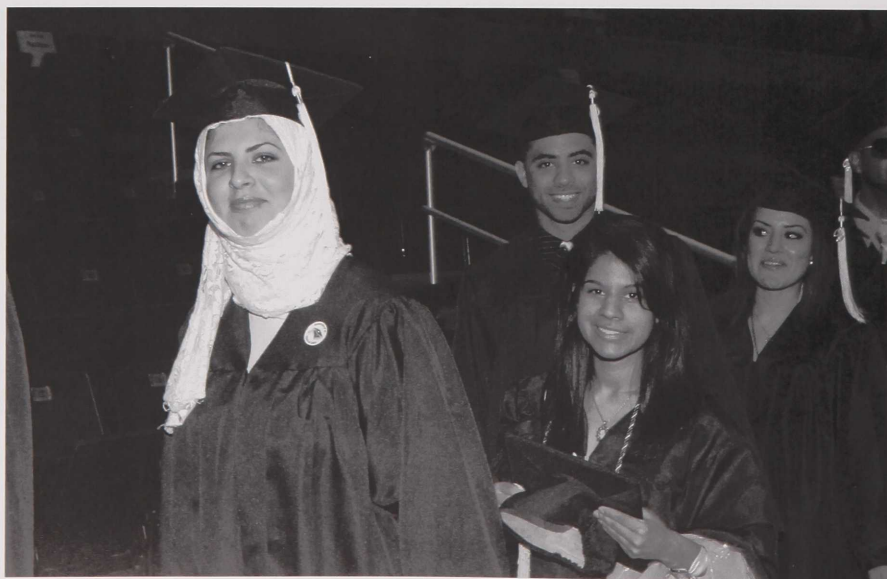
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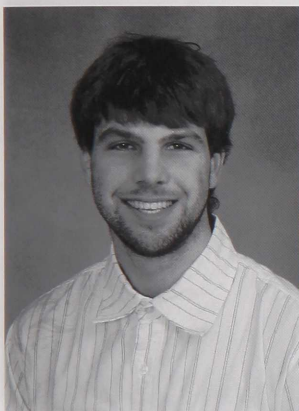
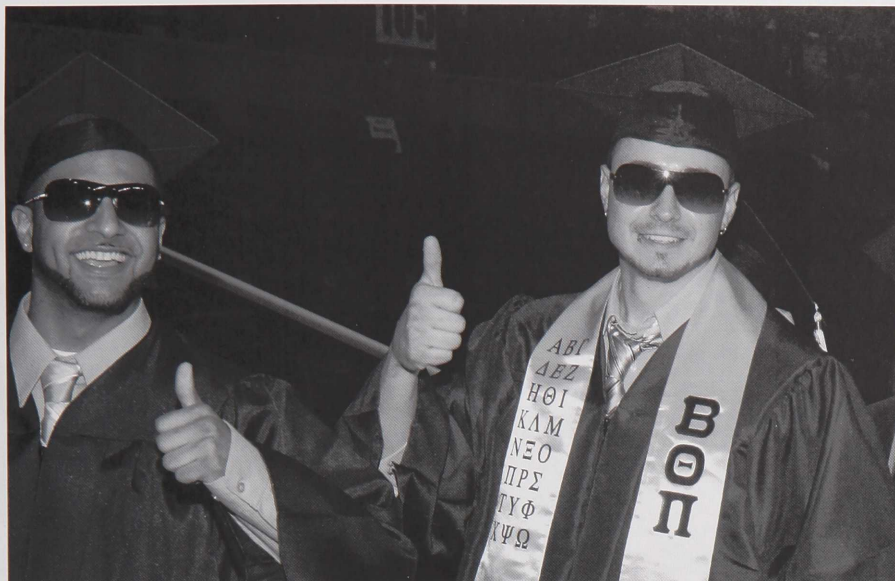
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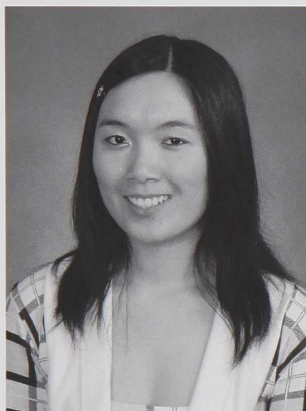
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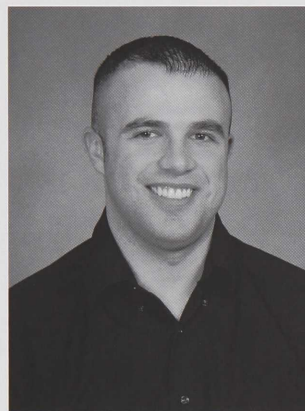




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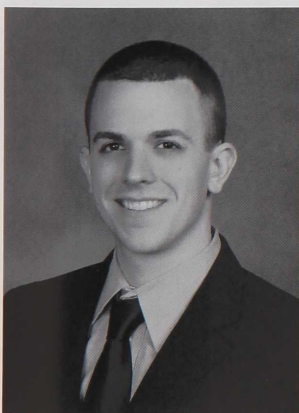
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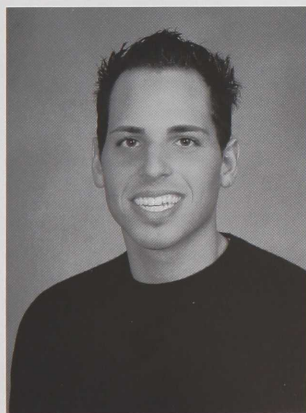
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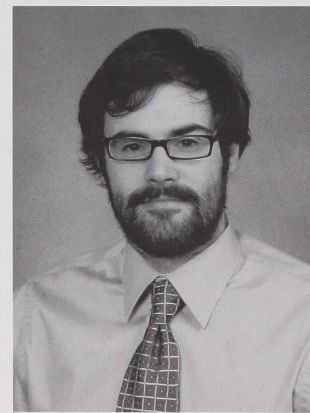
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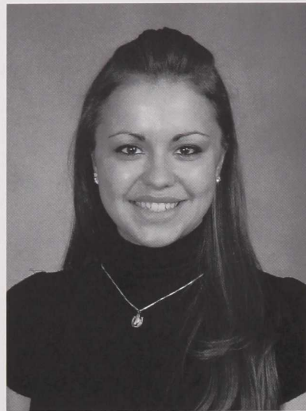
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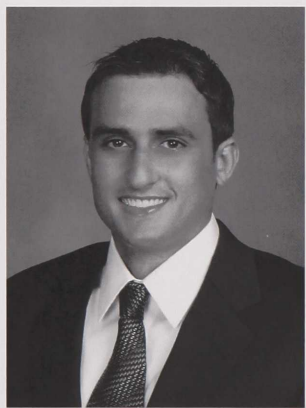
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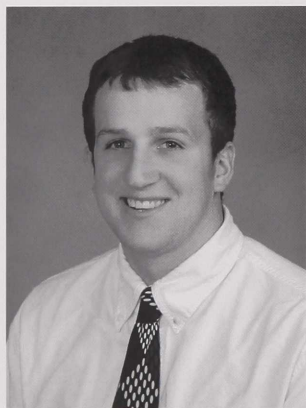
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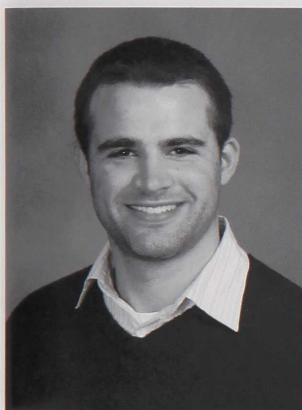
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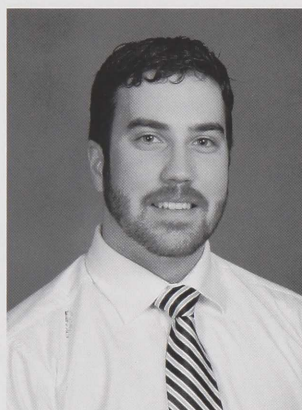




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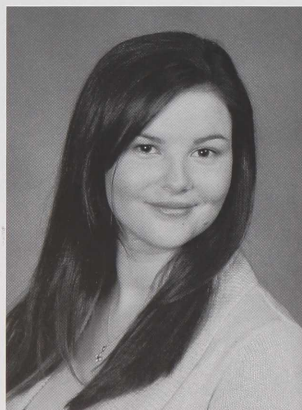
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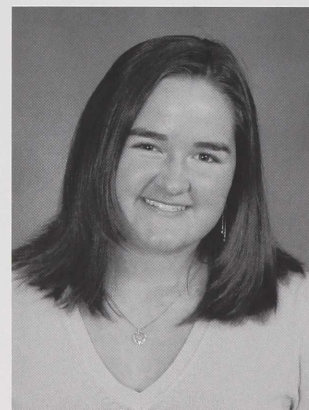
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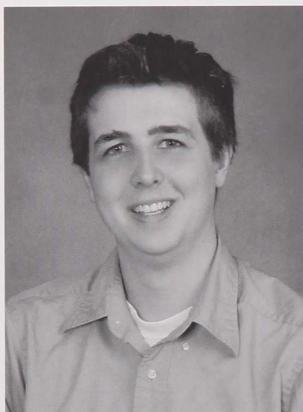
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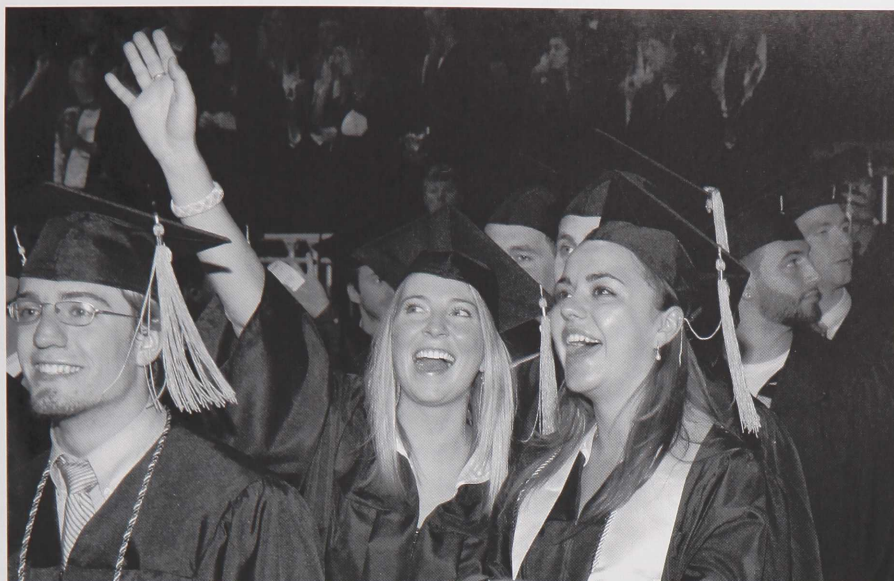
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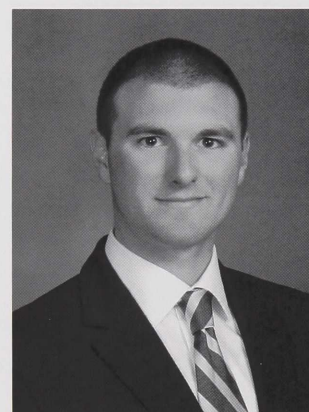
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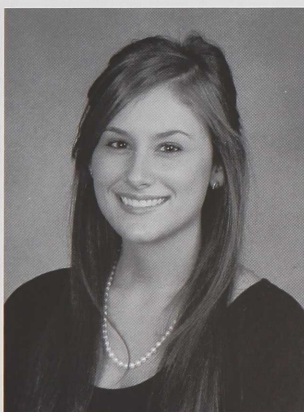
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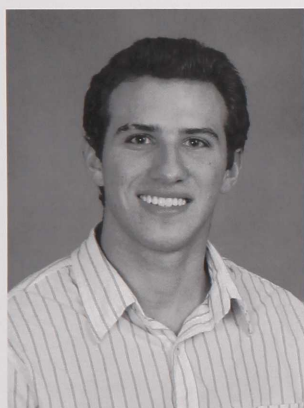
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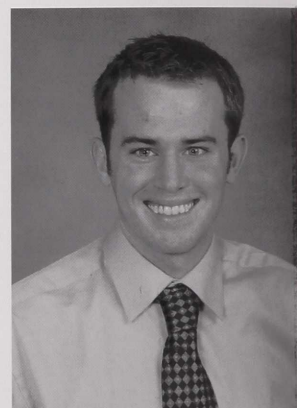
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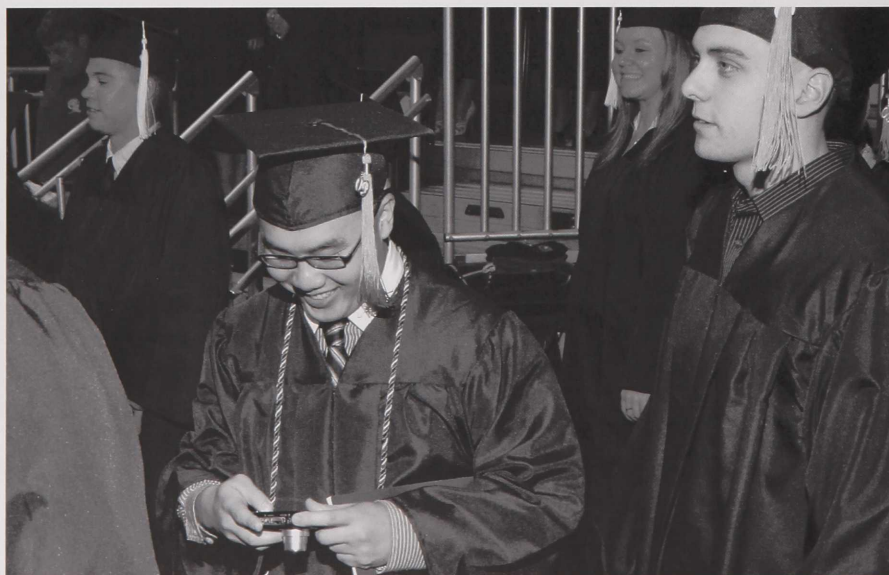
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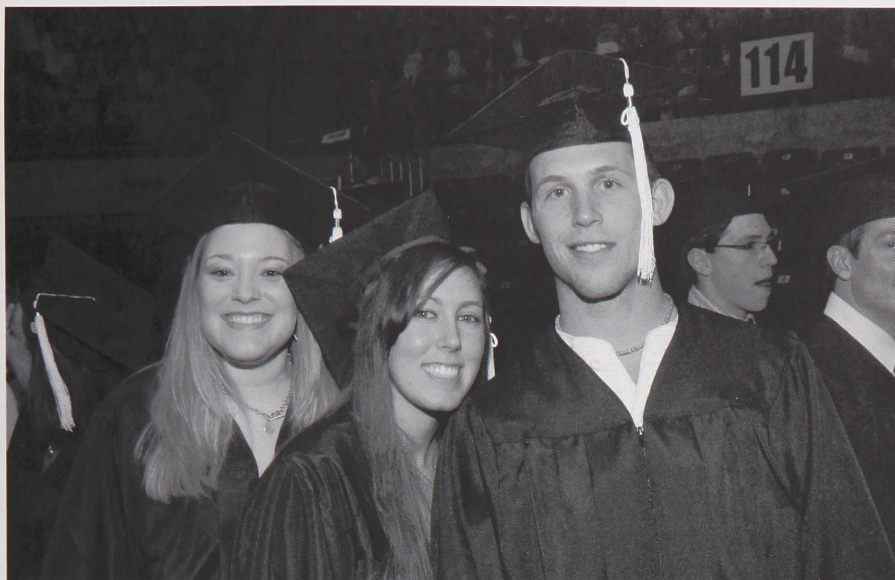
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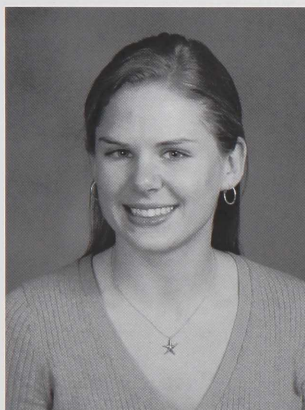
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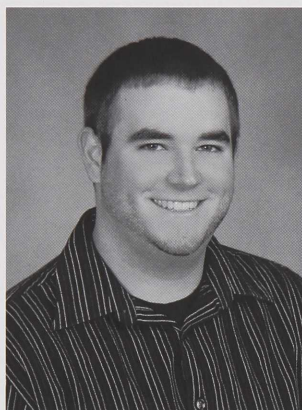




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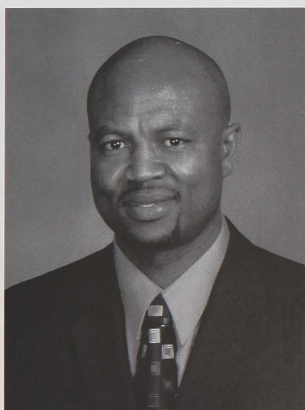
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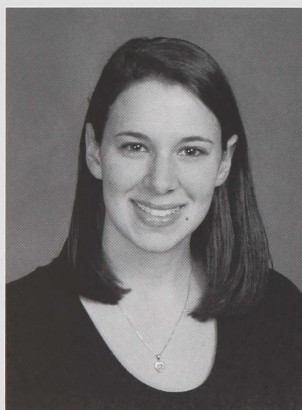
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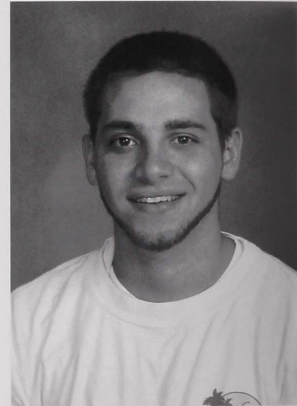
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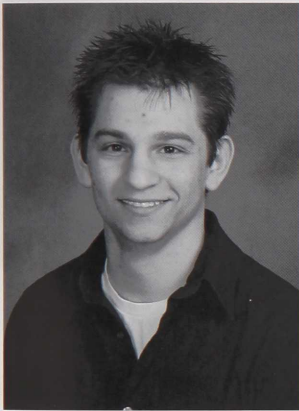
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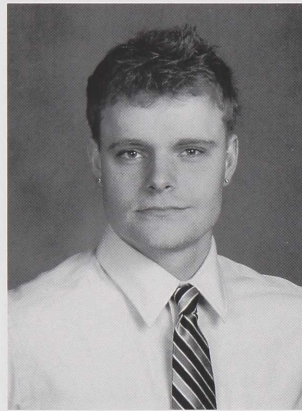




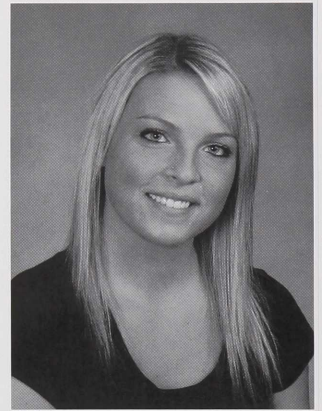
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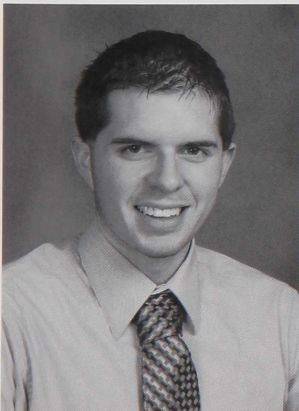
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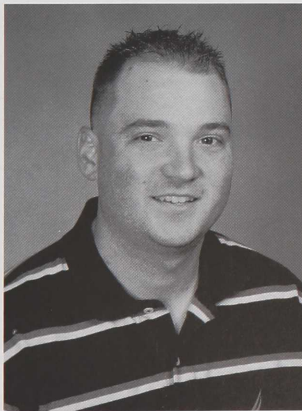
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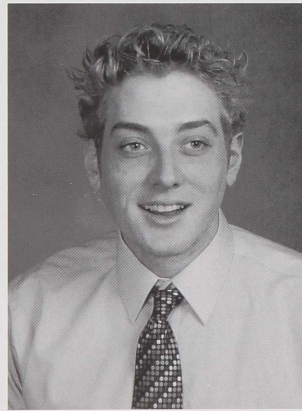
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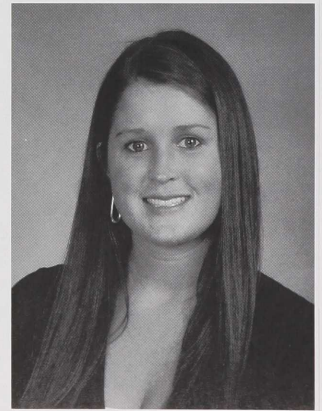
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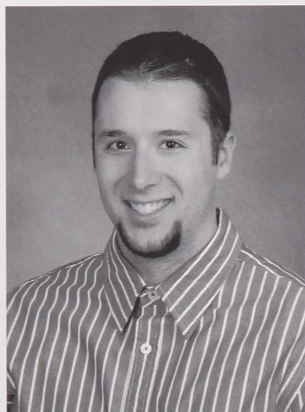
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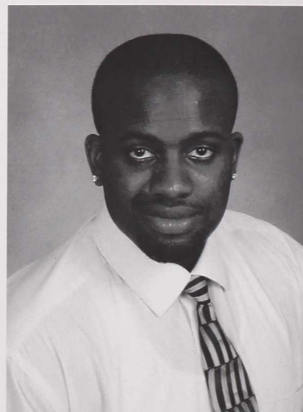
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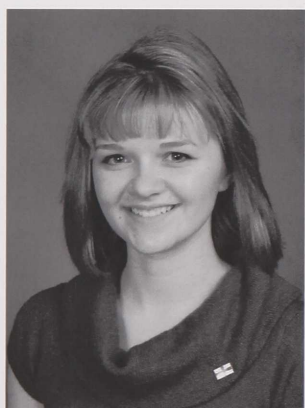
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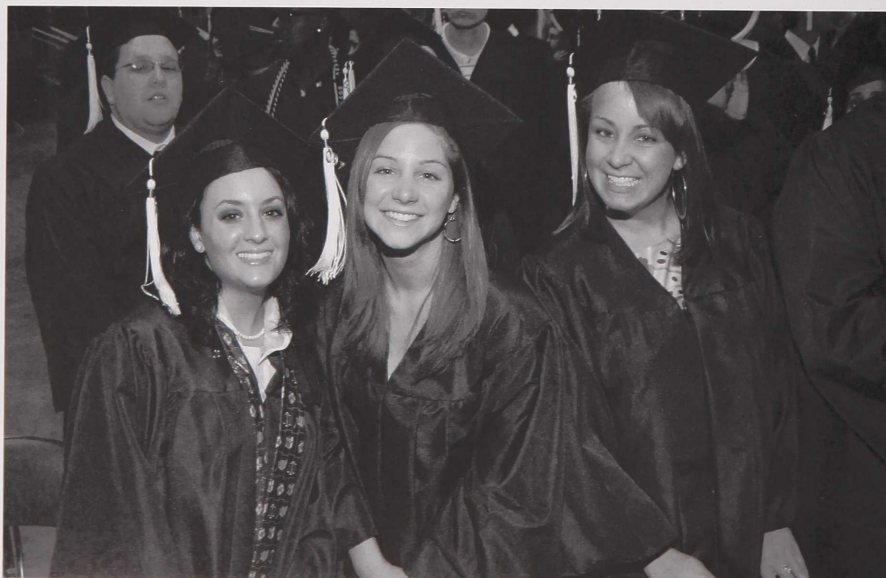
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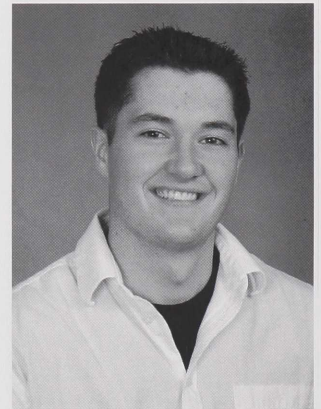
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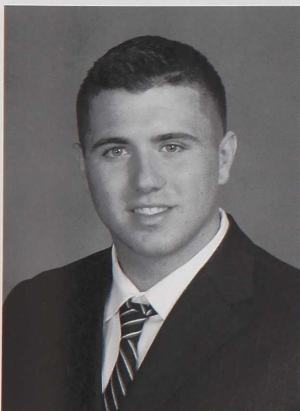
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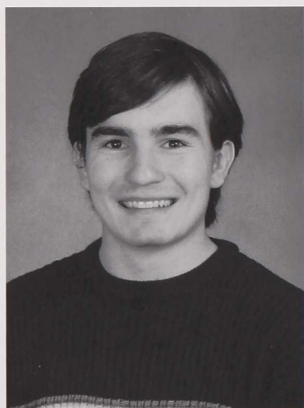
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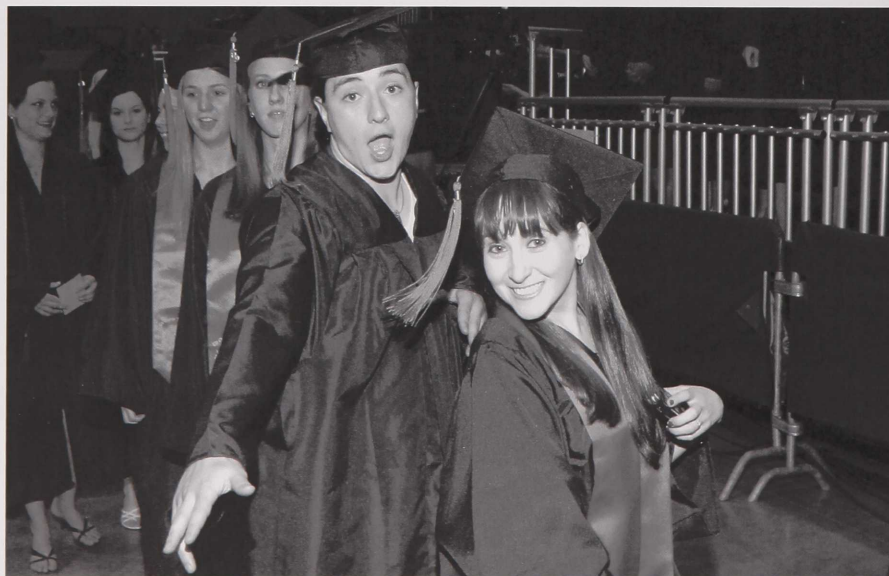
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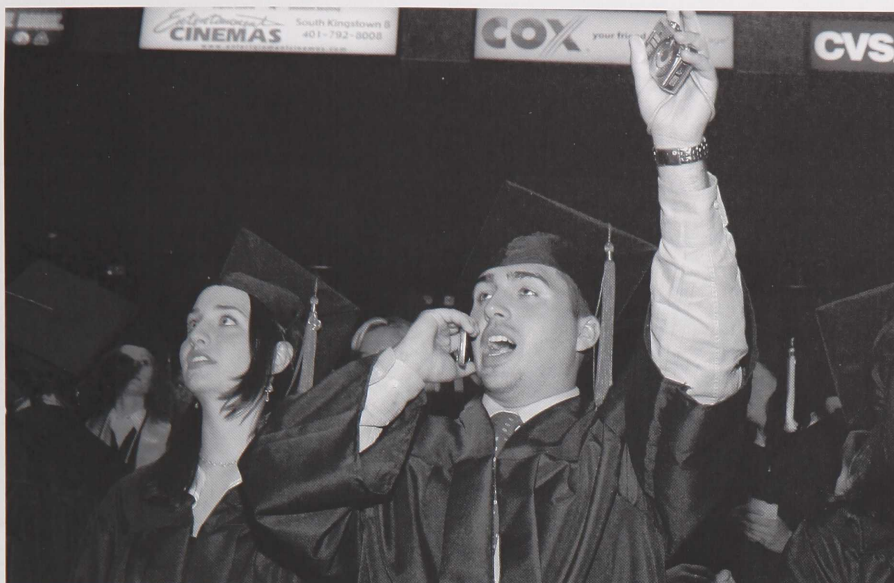
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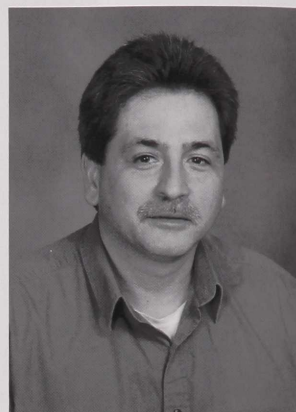
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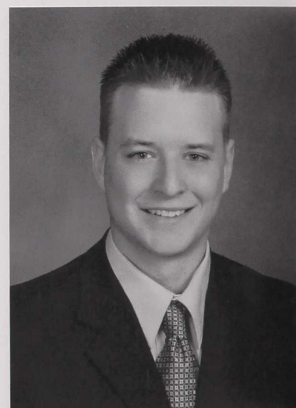
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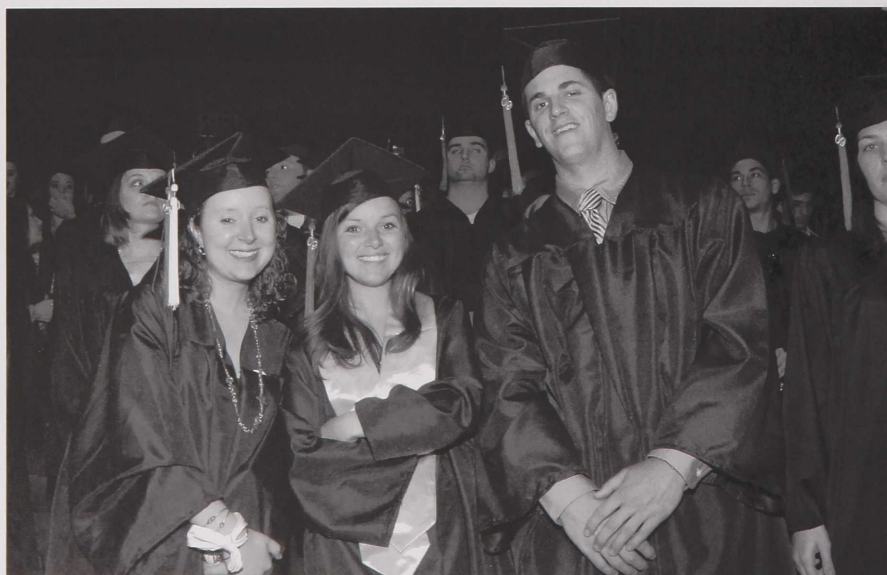
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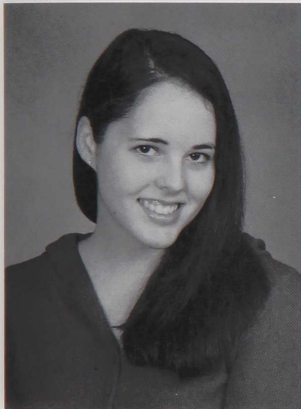
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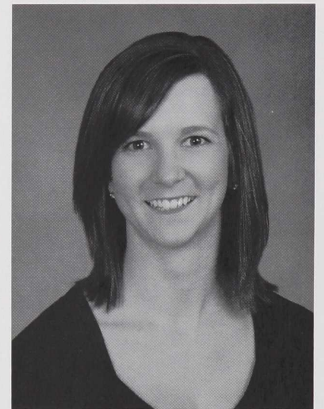
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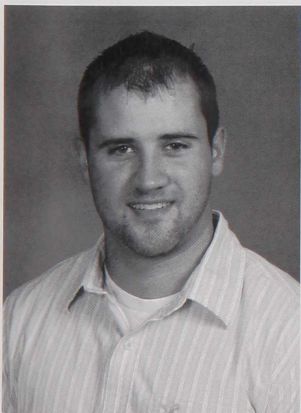
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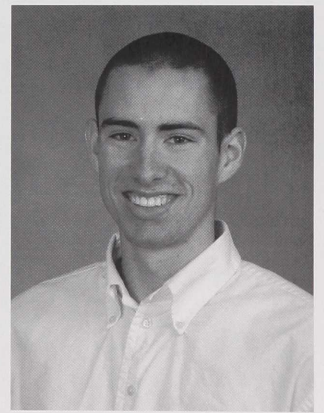
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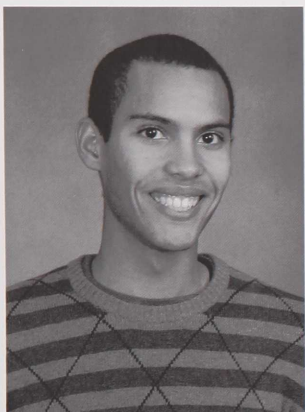
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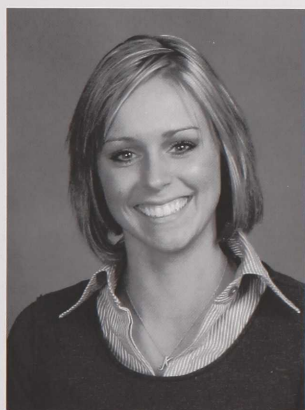
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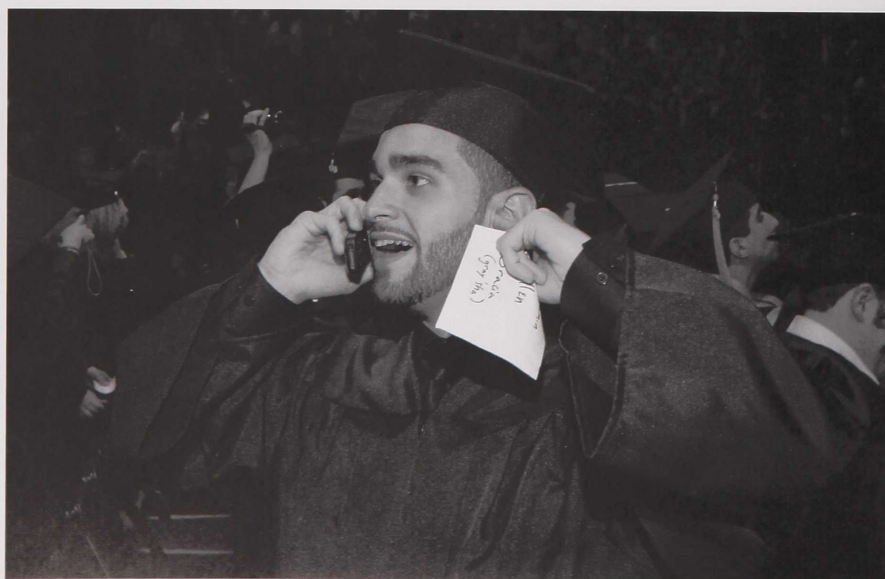
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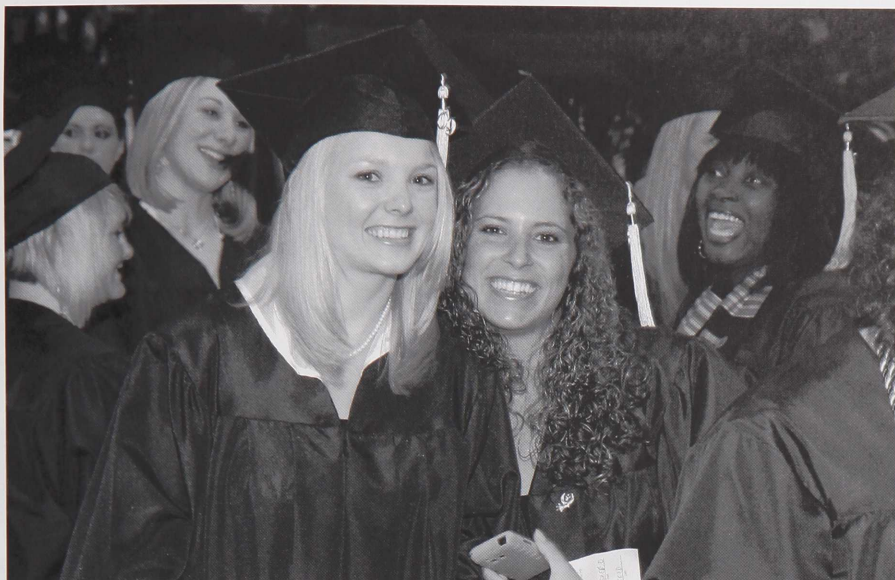
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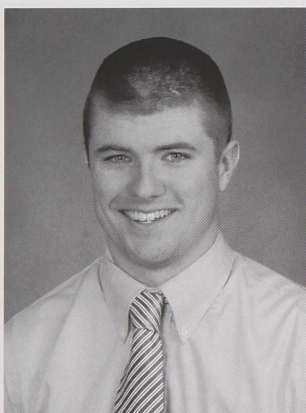
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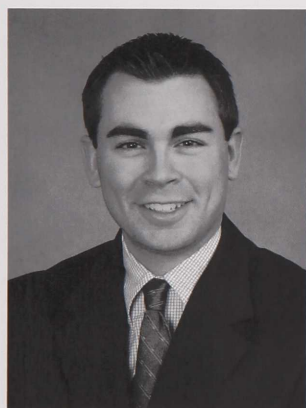
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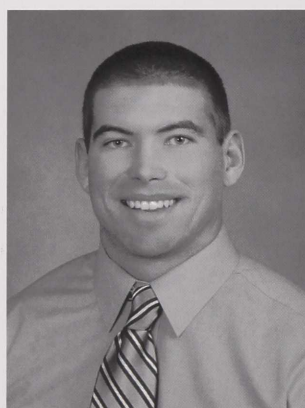
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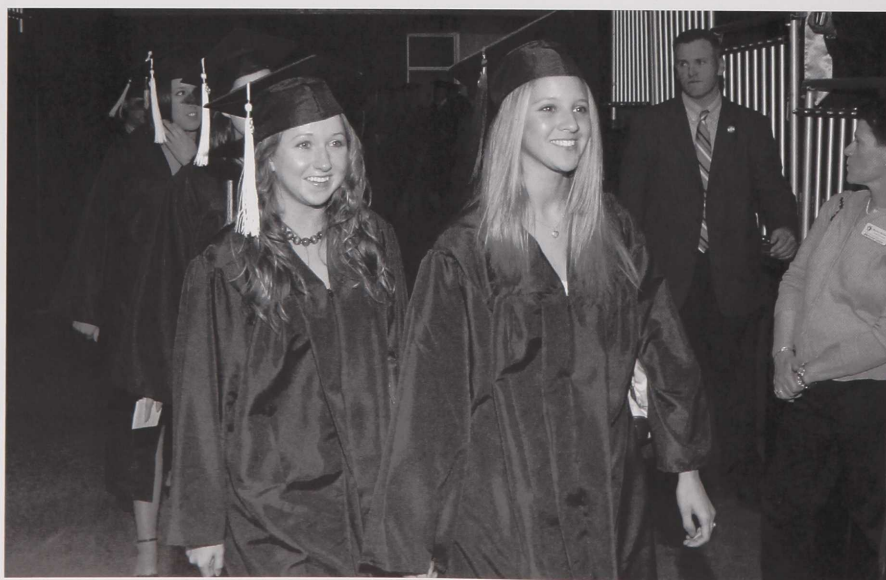
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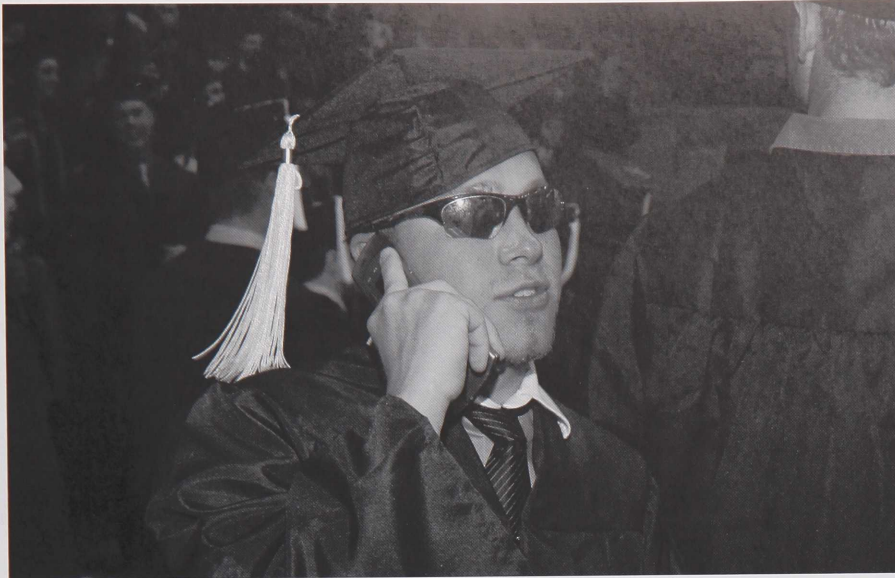
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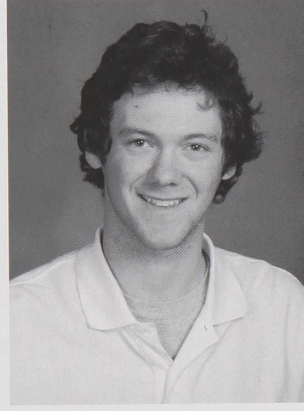




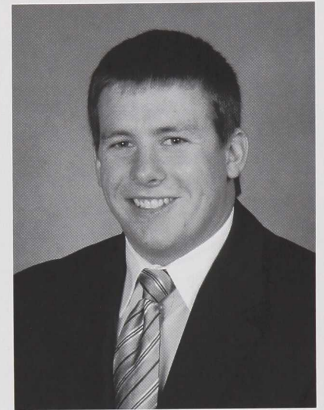
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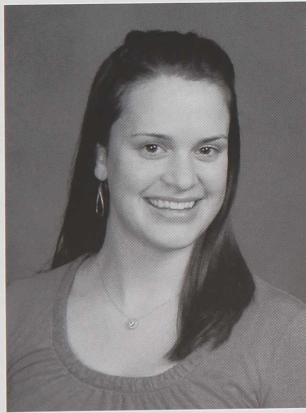
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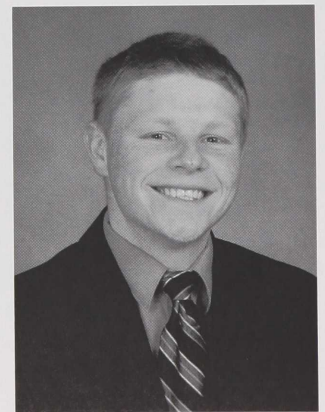
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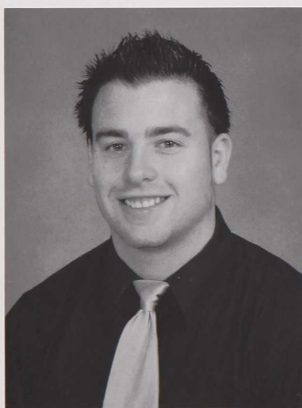
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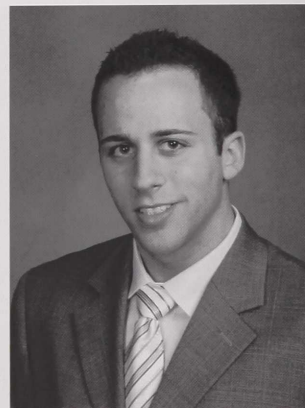
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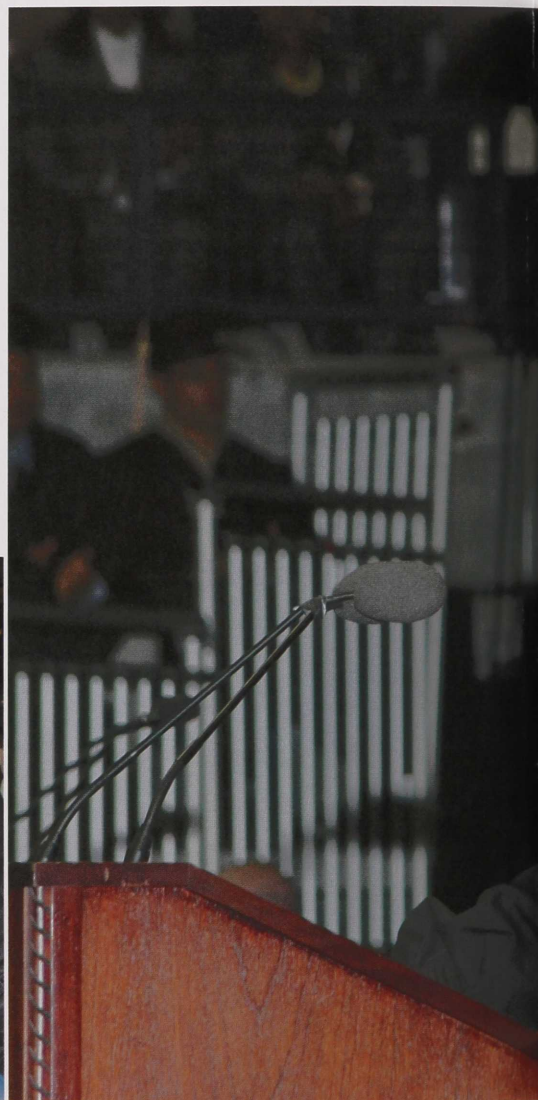
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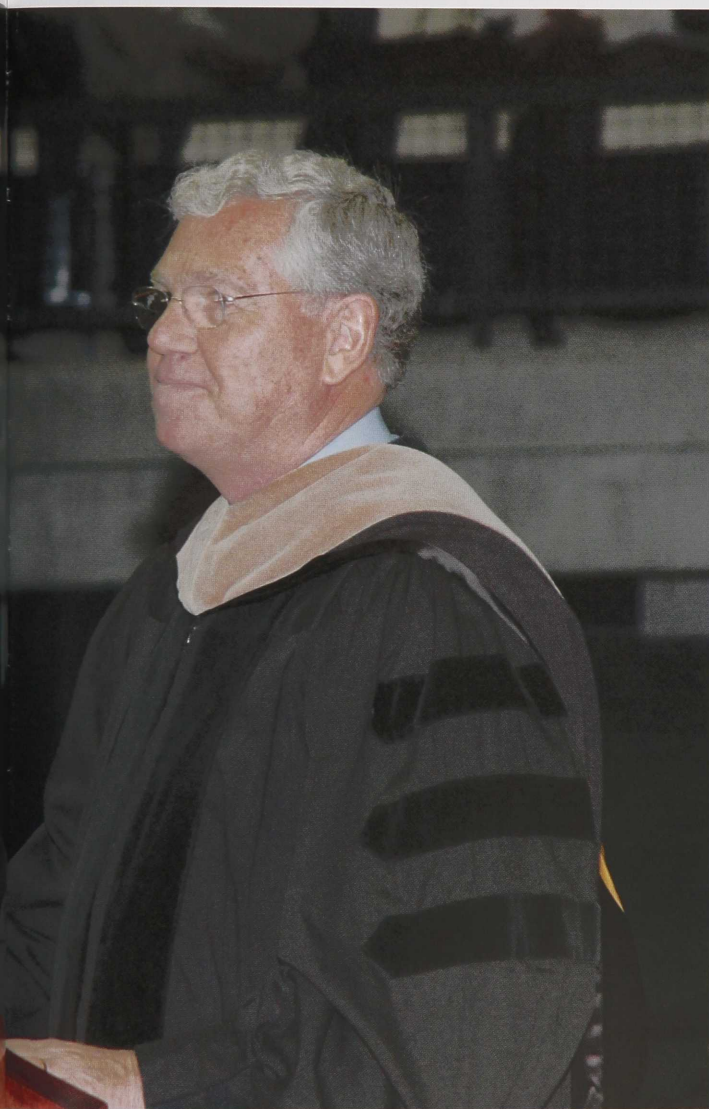




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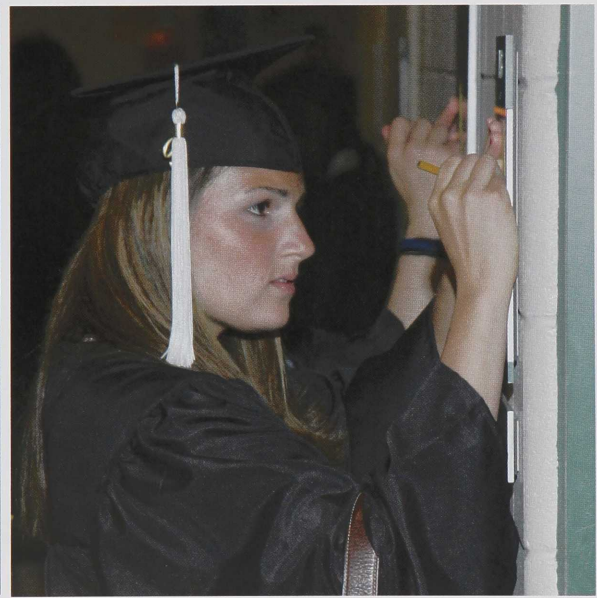
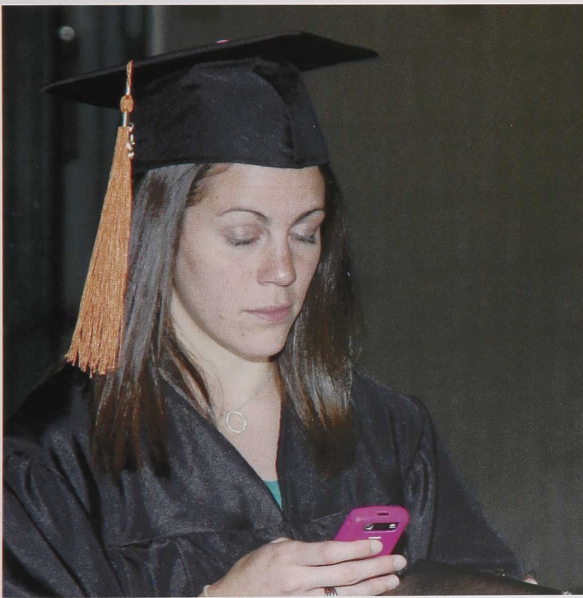
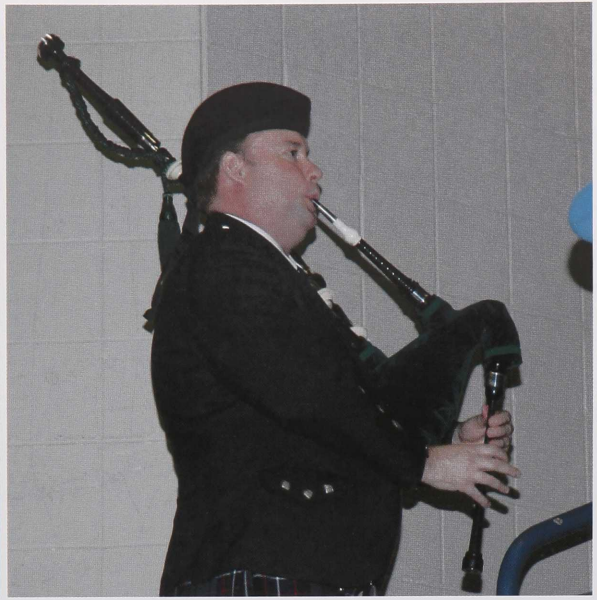






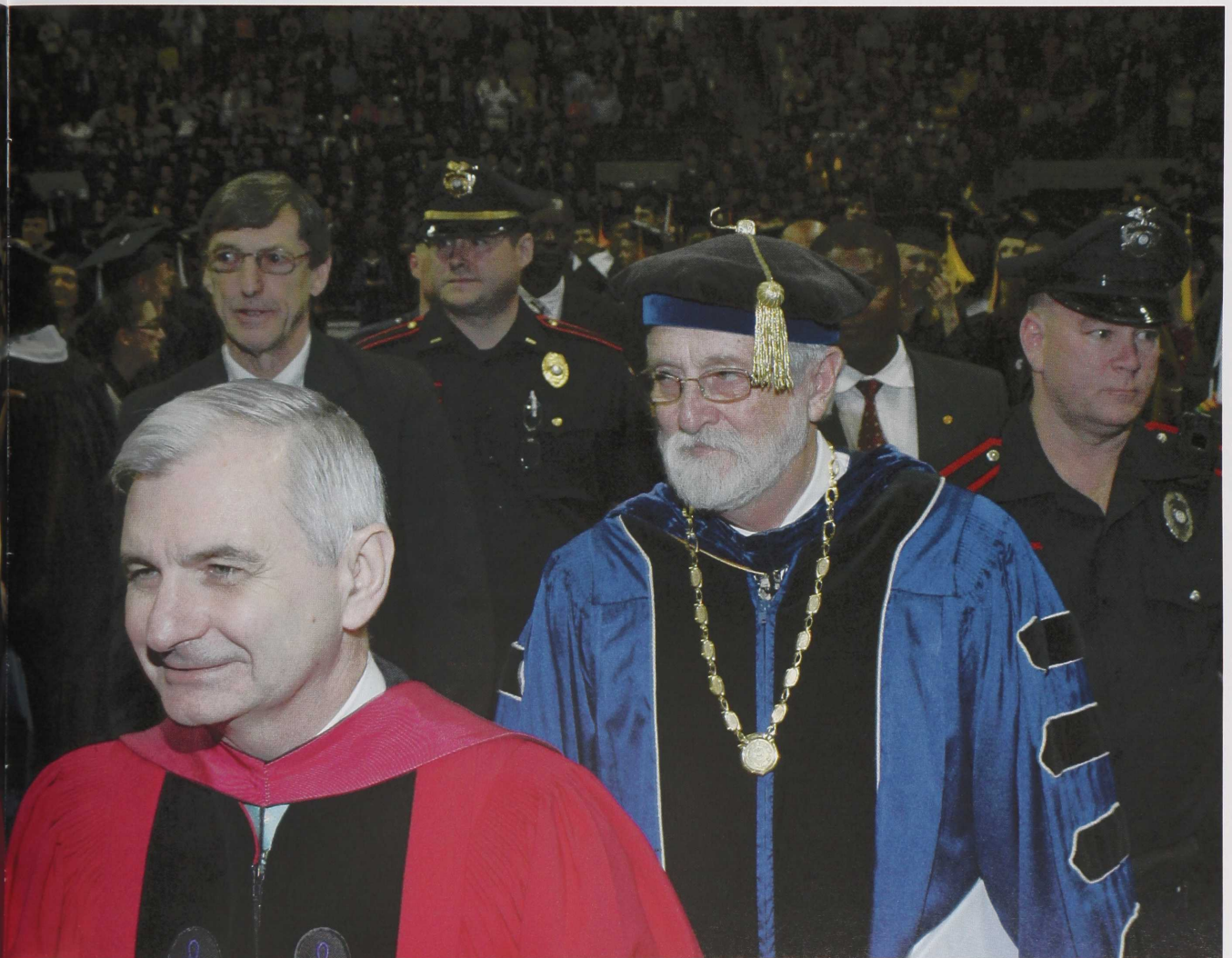






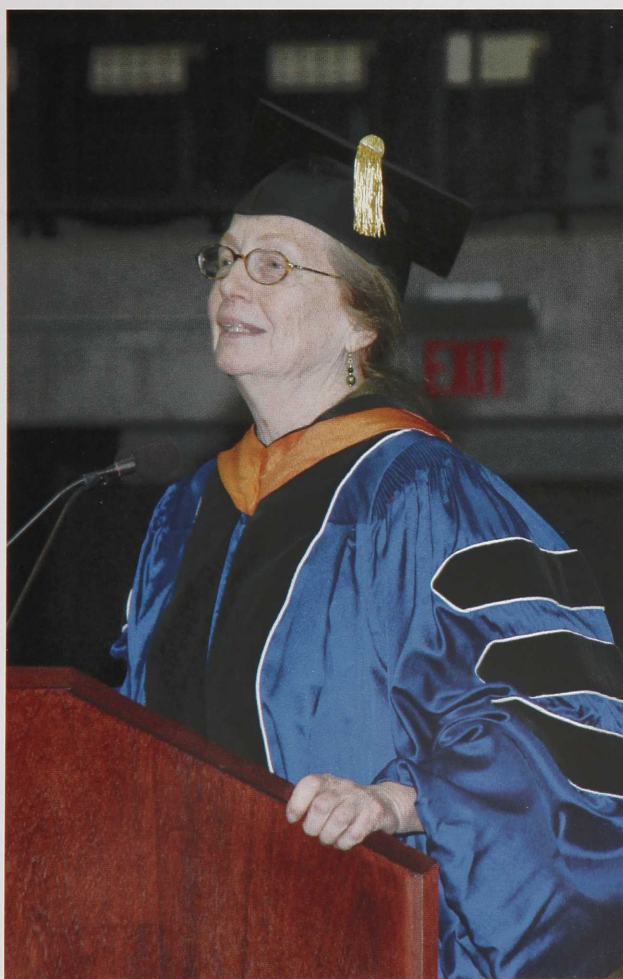
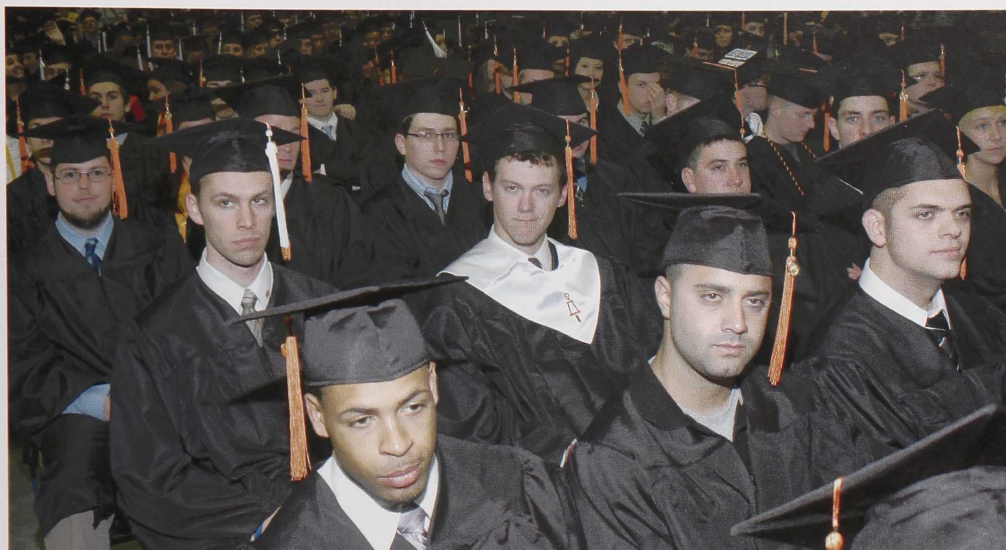


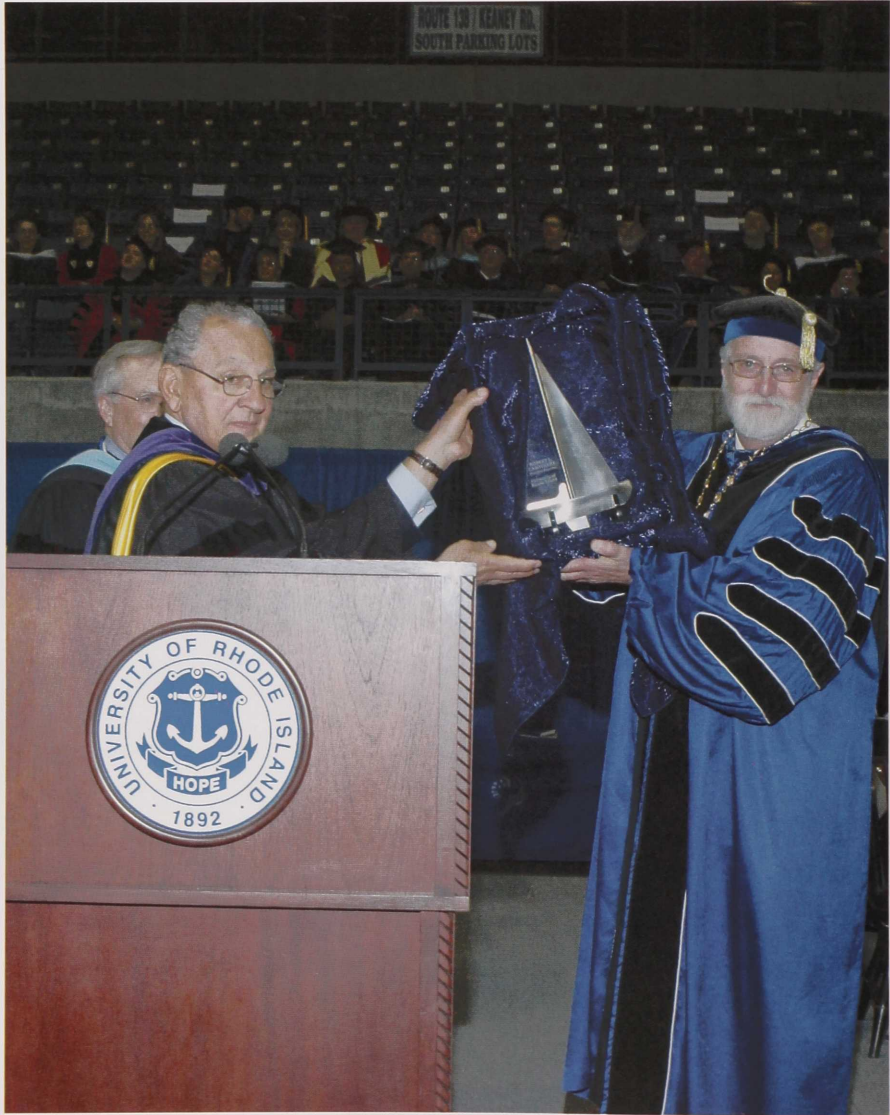




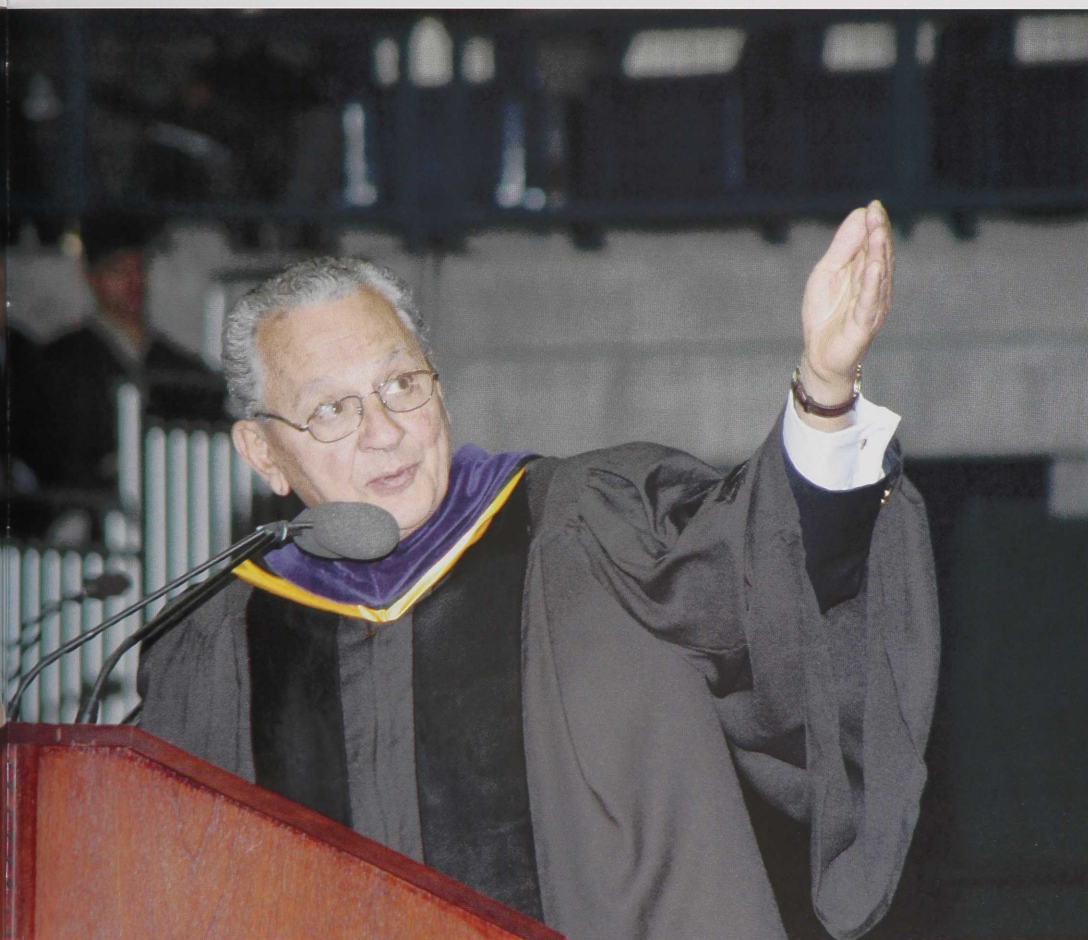
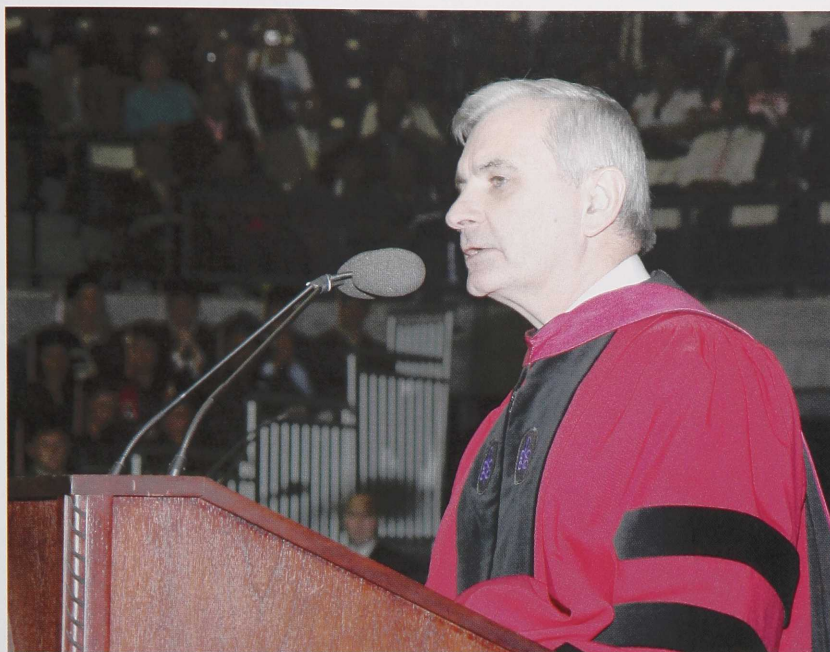








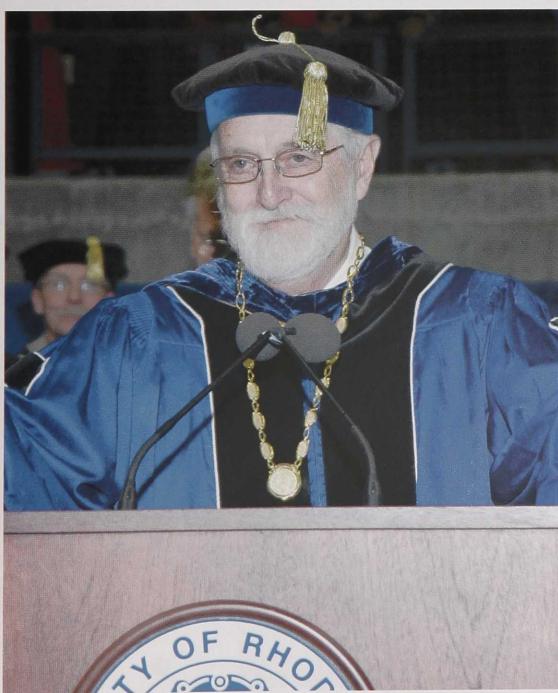




















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Congratulations LD on the DL!!!



We've had a great four years together on staff and I would have never been able to figure out what to do with all those numbers if it wasn't for you! Your talent and skills were greatly appreciated as well as all your hard work. I wish you the best in the future and I know you can do anything when you put your heart to it!

Love,  
Justine

Congratulations Colson!!!

I'll never forget all the great times we had in the office, and outside! Not only were you a lot of fun to hang out with, but you always gave me some of the best yearbook work ever! You were always there during crunch time when I needed you the most. I wish you the best in the future in anything you do!

Love,  
Justine





# Andrew - "Dino"



CONGRATULATIONS  
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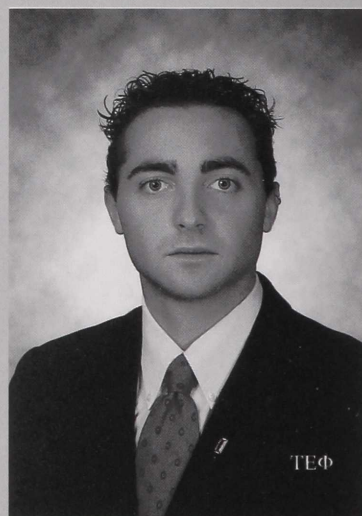
Wishing you luck, success, and Happiness  
in all that you do.

Filled with pride and love,  
Mom and April



# Congratulations Bobby

We're so proud of you!  
We hope the road ahead is full of sunshine  
and great adventures.  
We wish you all the beautiful things in life.  
Remember what matters most in your journey  
through life are the people you love.



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the  
life you have imagined."

– Henry David Thoreau

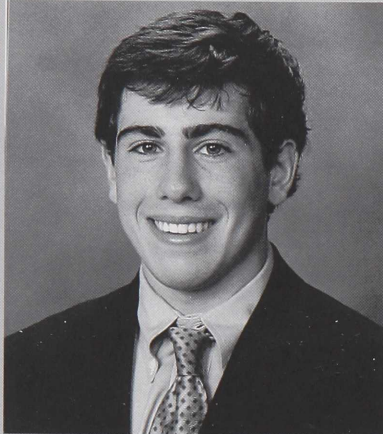
With love,  
Dad, Mom, Kristyn and Grammie



# CONGRATULATIONS BENJAMIN!!

We are very proud of you, and we know you can accomplish anything you set out to do.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Erica



For Connor,

In the words of Lee Ann Womack

I Hope You Dance...

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder  
You get your fill to eat, but always keep that hunger  
May you never take one single breath for granted  
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed  
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean  
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens  
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance  
I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance  
Never settle for the path of least resistance  
Livin' might mean takin chances, but they're worth takin'  
Lovin' might be a mistake but it's worth makin'  
Don't let some hell bent heart leave you bitter  
When you come close to sellin' out, reconsider  
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance  
And when you get the chance to sit it out or dance

I hope you dance  
I hope you dance



The future holds great things for you Connor  
We wish you our very best and all our love.

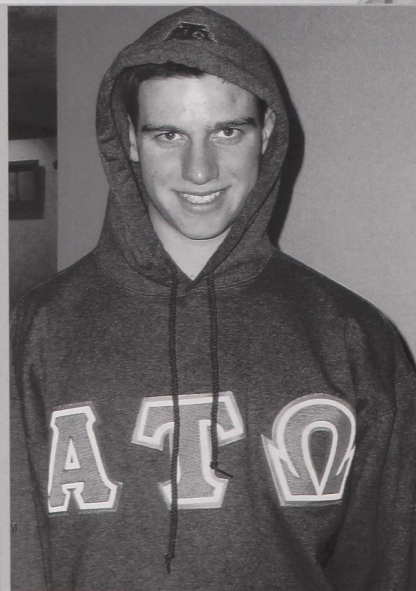
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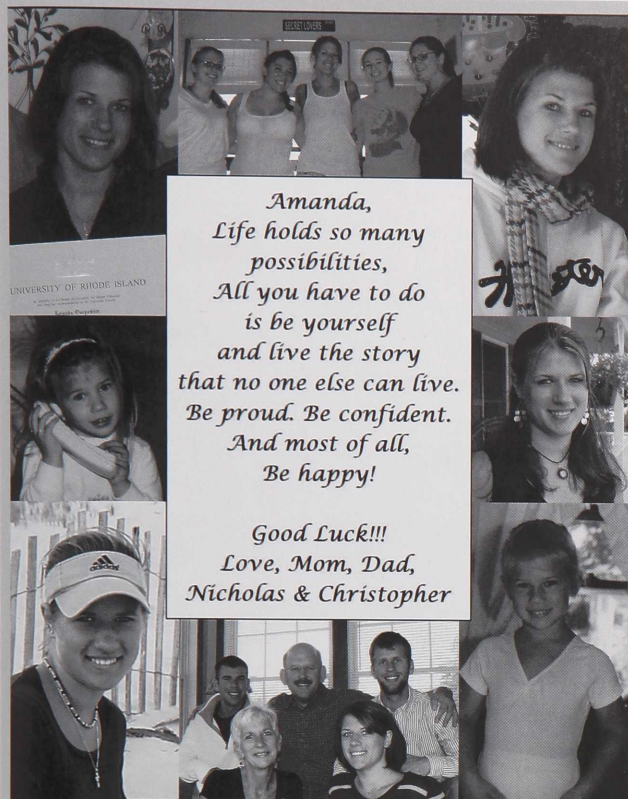
# ADAM

We are so proud of the fine man you have become!  
You have worked so hard to be successful, you have  
overcome many obstacles along the way, and you  
have always come out on top! Your future shall pay  
off with many rewards. Congratulations!

We Love You-  
Dad, Mom, Sharon, and Tricia  
2009







*Amanda,  
Life holds so many  
possibilities,  
All you have to do  
is be yourself  
and live the story  
that no one else can live.  
Be proud. Be confident.  
And most of all,  
Be happy!*

*Good Luck!!!  
Love, Mom, Dad,  
Nicholas & Christopher*

To Adam,

Our little boy is all grown up! It's hard to believe your four years of college have come and gone and now you're preparing for the Army.

We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. When you left high school, we wished you well in college and you have surpassed our expectations.

Continue to work hard, always keep God in your heart and wherever your life leads you, take our love with you.

Love, Mom+Dad xx



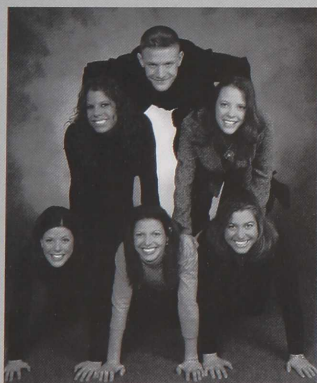
To Our Brother Adam,

Throughout the years you were our trouble maker, our bam-bam man, our discovery boy...you scared our friends, you killed our bugs, you hid our stuff.

Time flew by and now you're our helper, our friend, our wonderful brother...you tug at our hearts, you give of yourself, you're there when you're needed.

The journey has just begun, live your life with purpose, continue to grow, dance in the rain for no reason, and most of all love and follow God and remain the wonderful man you are!

We're so very proud of you! Love, Your Sisters xo



To Adam,

We are always  
with you.

Love,  
Memere +  
Pepere



We are VERY  
proud of you!

Mom and Dad





To my dear little girl Alexandra,

It is 2009, your graduation year again, and we're reminded of how fast another 4 years have flown by. It seems like high school graduation was just yesterday. Mom and Dad want you to know that we are so very proud of all that you have accomplished in these past 4 years. You took to college life and all that it held for you like a duck to water. After much soul searching you found your niche and I do believe you were meant to teach those little people who have fallen so in love with you! Deep down I feel you still are that little girl who loved to play and pretend so much. All the children you encounter will be fortunate to have you as their teacher one day, when you can instill in them the values that Daddy and I have instilled in you all these years.



I can't tell you how many family members as well as friends have told us what a wonderful young lady you turned out to be and how very proud we must be of you. We want you to know that we do realize how fortunate we are that have raised you to be the lovely young woman you are. And whoever has the fortune of working with you in the future will be very appreciative to have come upon someone who possesses the positive qualities that you do!

We love you more than life! Never, ever forget that!

Congratulations,  
Mom, Dad, and Will





## Henry "Nicky" CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are so very proud of your accomplishments!

Watching you grow from being the curious youngster to the amazing man you have become was a pleasure and a privilege for us all.

Your Loving Family



Dan,



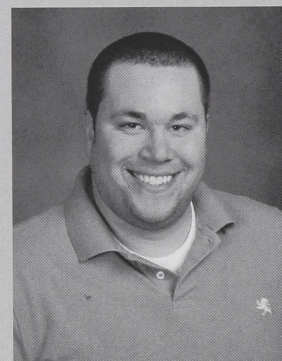
We are so proud of you. We know that at times it wasn't easy, but we never had any doubts. Don't ever let anyone change what is in your heart, you're an amazing young man.

With all of our love,  
XOXOX

Dad, Mom, Nicole, Anthony & Brandon

We are very proud of you, Johnathan.

With Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Matt Katz



My dearest Erica,  
You are the most intelligent person I know. What you have succeeded in the past three and a half years is beyond belief. I admire your persistence in attaining the best of the best, and I know that you, my darling daughter, will succeed in everything you do. I believe in you. I have the utmost faith in you and with all my heart, I love and respect you, for you.  
With all my love and friendship forever and always,  
Mom





Dear Adam,

Oh, how the college years have flown by  
School is over in a blink of an eye

It seems like yesterday when soccer became your game  
The way you played made us dream of fortune and fame

We've watched you grow to be a wonderful, caring man  
Your love for family is legendary; just ask the rest of the clan

You're prepared yourself well for the years ahead  
You'll be a success we know, just use your head

We are so proud of you today; you know this to be true  
And we will continue to be proud of all you pursue

We congratulate you on your efforts,  
And send our love, too,  
For a future filled with happiness  
And all your dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad, Ian and Erica







*To forget how to dig the earth and to  
tend the soil is to forget ourselves.*

Mohandas K. Gandhi

**Congratulations Mike!**

**Wishing you endless luck as you explore your passion.**

Love,

Mom, Dad, Brendan, Colleen, Jazzy & Jerry

*You've come a long way, baby!*  
**Conviction...passion...perseverance!**

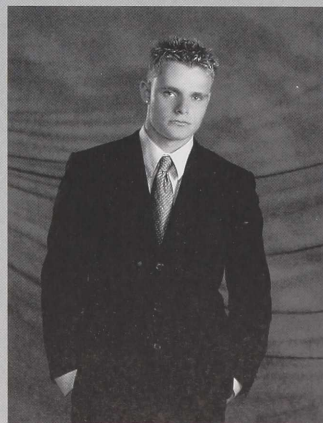
**You've stayed true to yourself, shown great passion for life and  
your beliefs, and persevered with strength and grace.**

**We couldn't be more proud!**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*With all our love,*  
**Mom, Brett, Sabi, and Dad**

*What lies behind us and what lies before  
us are tiny matters compared to what  
lies within us.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson







Our dear Krista,

It is so hard to believe that 4 years of URI have come to an end...and we couldn't be more proud of your accomplishments! You are already successful in the most important ways: in your caring attitude and kindness to all, in your dedication to excellence, and in using your many gifts. Your strong work ethic and your unique sense of style, your bright determined approach to life, your beauty (inside and out) make a difference, and make all who you admire and love you! Now as you go forward in life, follow your heart and dreams for God has much in store for you! Cherish all your fond memories (and thank you for sharing them with us – especially Italy), and look ahead to a life full of adventure, promise, joy, and meaning! God bless!

Love you all the veries...

–Mum, Dad, Jackie, Katie and all your family



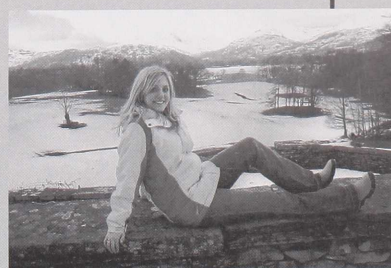


To Our Wonderful Daughter  
Christina,

Ever since you were growing  
up you always knew you were  
going to be a teacher. We are  
thrilled at this milestone you  
have reached, as there are  
many along the way in your life.

You are to be congratulated  
for achieving high honors and  
having made your entire family  
very happy and proud of you  
and your accomplishments.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



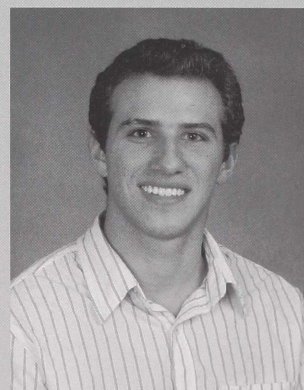
Dear Adam,

Congratulations on your college graduation. We are  
all very proud of you.

We wish you much success and happiness always.

Love,

Grandma Cooper, Phyllis, Paula, Lori,  
RJ, Brianna, Debbie, Gary, Anthony,  
Ashley, Kenny, Maureen, Catherine,  
Patricia, Helaine, Ari, Bailey, Skyler







Dear Bryan,

May your dreams take flight! We are so proud of your accomplishments at URI. Congratulations on your graduation!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Brendan +  
Grandma



We really love and appreciate all your hard work and dedication. Thanks God Almighty for hanging in there and never giving up even when things get tough. You made us all so proud. We wish you nothing but the best for the future.

Congratulations!

From Dad, Mom, Omolayo,  
Oluwashina, Maria.  
We love you

Nick -

Congratulations! We are so very proud of you. Now it's time to be who you are and become the best you can be.

URI football games will never be the same without you!

Go Rhody!

Love, Mom + Dad + Family



Congratulations!

Dear Loren,

We are so very proud of you! You were a wonderful child and now you have become a wonderful man. We know you will continue to spread your dedication, kindness, fun ways and love for other's all over this world. We love you.

Love always,  
Mom, Dad, + Rudy



Adam,

We are so proud of you. Your hard work will open and create new opportunities and challenges. We are always there for you and wish you the best of luck as you embark on the next chapter of your life.

Love,

Uncle Neil, Aunt Marilyn, Matt and Dan, Aunt Robin,  
Uncle David, Jared and Allison

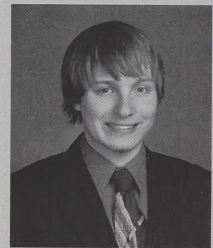
Congratulations  
**Justin V. McCoy**



We are so very proud of you!

Love,  
Mom & Tom  
Dad & Carleen

Jon,  
Congratulations!!!



Love,  
Dad & Kathy

I'M PROUD OF YOU!

Annie,

The world sees you as a young woman  
charmed, as she smiled,  
But behind that young woman,  
I see my small child.  
Young woman, my daughter,  
My joy my heart,  
You've now reached the end  
And now you must start.  
Congrats on graduating  
And good luck with the rest of your future  
Reach high, for the stars lie hidden in your soul.  
Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal  
Girls Rule!  
Love, Mom







You have achieved so much in such a short time that its hard keep track of it all. Though it may seem to you that its taken forever to reach this point, it happened all too quickly for us. It saddens us to see you start the rest of your life, however it cannot compare to how happy and proud we are that you are so well prepared and dedicated to your dreams. Never lose sight of those dreams and never compromise anything to reach them.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

# Congratulations Class of 2009!!!

Love,  
Renaissance Yearbook Staff 2009



# Congratulations Renaissance Yearbook Staff!

Congratulations on another great year! Its was great being able to work with all of you during my last year at URI. The times we had in the office will be greatly missed but never forgotten! I would never have been able to do it all without you! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication! I wish you all the best for the future!

Love,  
Justine



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